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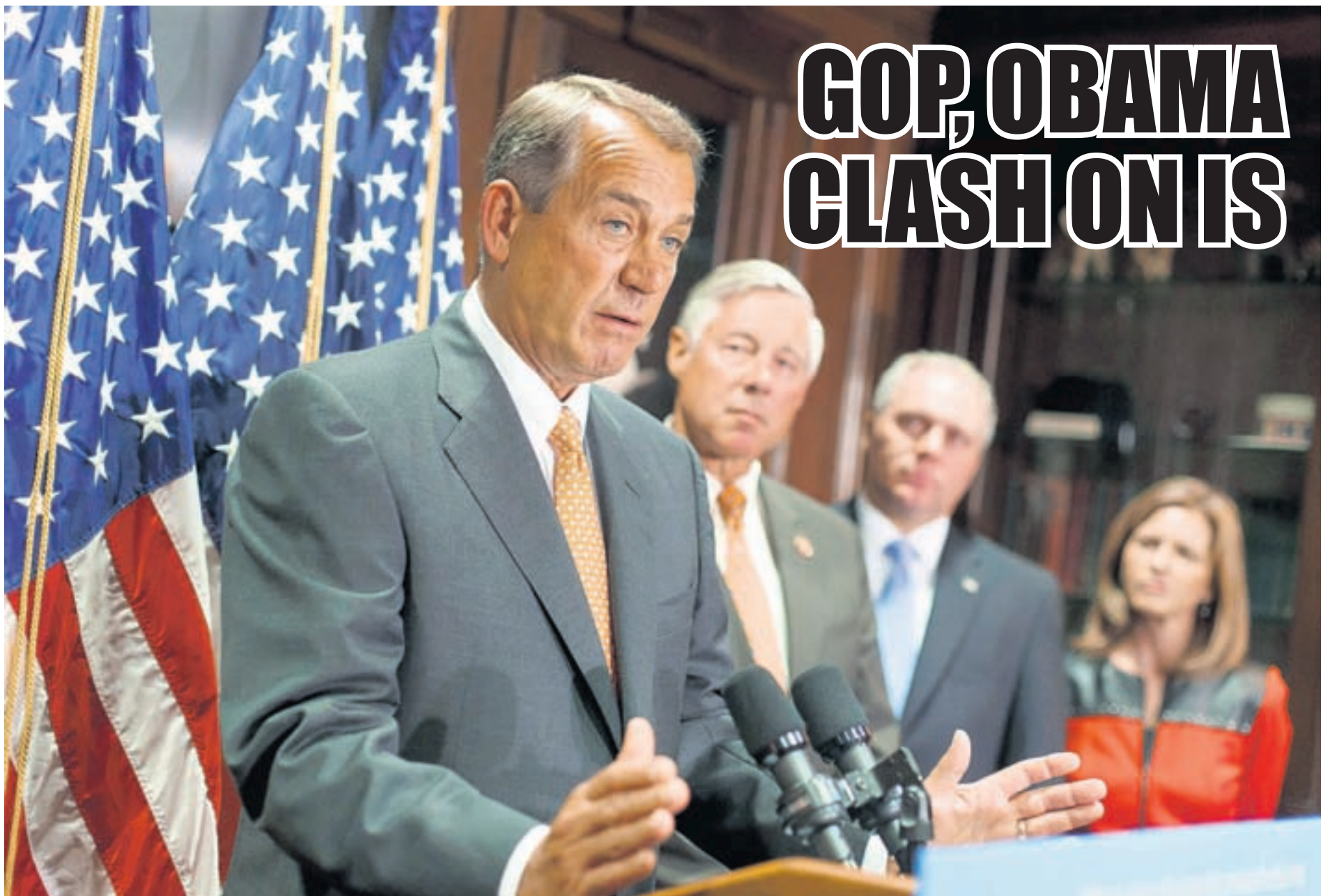


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GOP, OBAMA CLASH ON IS

House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, left, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014. Boehner said Tuesday that Islamic State militants pose a serious threat that must be dealt with in Iraq, Syria or wherever they exist as he pressed President Barack Obama to spell out the U.S. strategy to destroy the militants. From left are, Boehner, Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of La., and Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kansas.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Obama Says He Has Authority for Campaign

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama told congressional leaders Tuesday he has the authority he needs to launch a broader military campaign to root out violent extremists in Iraq and Syria, a day before outlining his plans to the American people in a

prime-time address.

The White House said that president Obama told lawmakers he still would welcome action from Congress that "would aid the overall effort and demonstrate to the world that the United States is united in defeating the threat from ISIL."

That could take the form

of specific authorization to fund counterterrorism efforts, as well as to train and equip more moderate elements of the opposition to the Bashar Assad government in Syria.

The president's broader strategy to confront the Islamic State militants may also include more wide-ranging airstrikes against

targets in Iraq and possibly in Syria. Obama has also sought military and political commitments from Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere.

"The president believes this is a high national security priority," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

For Obama, a sustained

U.S. intervention in the Middle East is at odds with the vision he had for the region when he ran for president on a pledge to end the war in Iraq, where the role of American fighting forces drew to a close nearly three years ago.

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Syria; Bombing kills rebel chief, leaders

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The leader of an ultraconservative Islamic rebel group in Syria was killed Tuesday in a suicide bombing along with other of its top officials, its allies said, weakening the ranks of the country's already shaky armed opposition. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack that killed Hassan Aboud and other lead-

Hamwi, along with 11 other top leaders.

"They were martyred ... in an explosion inside their meeting headquarters," said a statement on the Twitter feed of the Islamic Front, the rebel coalition to which it belonged.

An activist collective called the Edlib News Network, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Syrian state media also reported Aboud's death. The activist reports

Aboud, sought to balance "the group's fundamentalist platform with a relatively pragmatic political strategy," said Noah Bonsey, a Syria analyst for the International Crisis Group. Aboud had even once met with a top U.S. State Department official, Bonsey said.

On Wednesday, U.S. President Barack Obama is expected to lay out a plan to the American people on what course of action should be taken to chal-



A cluster munition discovered at Taftanez airbase after rebels captured the base from government forces in Taftanez, Syria. The leader of an ultraconservative Islamic rebel group in Syria was killed Tuesday in a suicide bombing along with other of its top officials, its allies said.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

ing members of Ahrar al-Sham, part of the strongest front that challenged the Islamic State group, which holds wide swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria. But given that forces loyal to President Bashar Assad's government do not typically use suicide bombers, it appeared likely that forces in the murky mix of opposition fighters in Syria's 3-year-old civil war were involved.

The attack struck a high-level meeting of Ahrar al-Sham, or The Islamic Movement of Free Men of the Levant in English, held in the northwestern town of Ram Hamdan in the Syrian province of Idlib, one of its strongholds. A statement from the group said the blast killed Aboud, also known by the nom de guerre Abu Abdullah al-

said the men died in a suicide bombing.

The Edlib News Network said over 40 people were killed in the blast. The Observatory, which relies on a network of activists in Syria for its reports, said "tens" of people were killed. Differing casualty figures are routine immediately after attacks in Syria.

Ahrar al-Sham was part of the Islamic Front, an alliance of seven powerful conservative and ultraconservative rebel groups that merged in late November. The Islamic Front wants to bring rule by Shariah law in Syria and rejects the Western-backed Syrian National Coalition, but cooperates with some of their fighters on the ground.

While Ahrar al-Sham was an ultra-conservative group, its leadership, including

lenge the Islamic State group, which Ahrar al-Sham opposed.

Bonsey said it was unlikely that Ahrar al-Sham would have been a direct recipient of American aid, because, despite its moderation, it still remained too hard-line for the West. But the bombing likely would significantly disrupt or possibly destroy the group as a whole, he said.

"Ahar al-Sham had been one of the best led and most organized, and overall, one of the most effective groups on the ground," Bonsey said.

"It's a loss of talent within the rebel spectrum as a whole. Ahrar al-Sham was one of the strongest, if not the strongest rebel group, and the question is, what will it look like going forward?" □

AROUND THE WORLD

Panama: Canal expansion open in 2016

MADRID (AP) — Panama's president says the major expansion of the Panama Canal will be completed in time to open for business in the beginning of 2016. The project is expected to be finished in December 2015, and President Juan Carlos Varela says it will open early the following year, despite construction setbacks. A dispute with the European consortium that is expanding the canal led to a two-week work stoppage earlier this year. Varela said Tuesday in Spain that Panama is working closely with Madrid and with Spanish company Sacyr, which is leading the consortium. The \$5.25 billion project aims to reduce congestion and expand capacity. The new channel will be able to accommodate ships with twice the cargo capability of vessels that currently traverse the existing canal. □

French weapons sales grow in Mideast

PARIS (AP) — France's government says its arms exports grew sharply last year, notably amid violence and tensions in the Middle East. The Defense Ministry says in a report Tuesday that orders rose by 43 percent over the previous year to 6.87 billion euros (\$8.9 billion). That is 30 percent higher than the annual average between 2002 and 2012. The report says customers in the Mideast represent "almost half of the orders." Saudi Arabia was France's top customer, and it also signed large deals with the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. France is the fourth-largest weapons exporting country in the world after the U.S., Britain and Russia. It recently announced its decision to suspend the delivery of a Mistral-class warship to Russia, in the context of the Ukraine crisis. □

Russia and Iran to boost economic ties

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Russian officials have traveled to Iran's capital to boost economic ties between the two countries. Iran's Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh and Alexander Novak Minister of Energy of Russian Federation oversaw a meeting Tuesday of businessmen in Tehran, calling on them to increase trade. Zanganeh said: "God willing, we will quickly increase the level of relations up to more than 10 times."

Novak expressed the readiness of Russia for industrial cooperation, saying: "We have a lot of capabilities to strengthen our cooperation in the fields of electricity, natural gas, oil — as well as nuclear plants and aircraft parts and other equipment." Last year, trade between the two countries was about \$1.5 billion.

Polish team to seek US food, gas deals

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's Deputy Economy Minister says a mission she will lead to New York will seek deals in the food, gas and investment sectors. Ilona Antoniszyn-Klik said Tuesday that the visit Sept. 23-25 is to develop wide economic ties that could also be helped on by the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, currently being negotiated between the United States and Europe. At a time when Russian gas deliveries might be disturbed by a conflict in transit nation Ukraine, Poland is also seeking to diversify its energy sources by purchasing liquefied natural gas from the U.S. The mission will include regional governors, businessmen and investors, mainly from agricultural eastern Poland. Warsaw is seeking deals to sell fresh and processed fruit and vegetables, farming and mining machinery and IT products. □

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Obama says he has authority for IS campaign

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The timing of his announcement Wednesday night was all the more striking, with Obama's address to the nation scheduled just hours before anniversary commemorations of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that drew the U.S. into war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Even before Obama's meeting with Senate and House leaders, some lawmakers had suggested a congressional vote on the president's plans was unlikely before the midterm elections in November.

"As a practical matter, I don't really see the time that it would take to really get this out and have a full debate and discuss all the issues," said Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

However, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Obama should seek congressional approval for whatever he has decided to do.

"I think it is to his advantage and the country's advantage to have Congress buy into that," McConnell

said before joining other Republican and Democratic leaders in the Oval Office Tuesday afternoon

the Ohio Republican expressed support for efforts to increase the effectiveness of the Iraqi security

State leadership, according to the aide, who spoke only on condition of anonymity in order to discuss

sions and \$500 million for arming and training Western-backed Syrian rebels. The U.S. is already launching airstrikes against Islamic State targets inside Iraq, a mission undertaken at the invitation of the Iraqi government and without formal authorization from Congress.

ut the scope of the mission has been relatively limited to strikes that help protect American interests in the region and prevent humanitarian crises.

U.S. officials say Obama is expected to loosen those limitations and open a broader counterterrorism campaign against the militants in Iraq.

And following the group's shocking beheading of two American journalists in Syria, Obama began more seriously considering extending strikes into Syria.

People who have spoken with Obama in recent days said it appeared likely he would take that step. At a private dinner Monday night with foreign policy experts, Obama emphasized the importance of viewing the Islamic State as one organization, not two groups separated by a border. □



President Barack Obama meets with Congressional leaders in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, to discuss options for combating the Islamic State. From left are, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, the president, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

for a meeting with Obama that lasted just over an hour.

None of the leaders spoke to reporters as they left the White House.

However, an aide to House Speaker John Boehner said

forces and for equipping the Syrian opposition. Boehner also said he would support the deployment of U.S. military personnel to Iraq in a training and advisory role and to "assist with lethal targeting" of Islamic

the private meeting. Beyond authorizing military force, Congress could show its support for a broader mission by authorizing two initiatives Obama outlined earlier this year: \$5 billion to fund counterterrorism mis-

Marathon suspect, feds battle over moving trial

DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A push by Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to move his trial outside Massachusetts has led to a war of words — and paper — between his lawyers and federal prosecutors.

The two sides have filed more than 100 pages of legal briefs vehemently arguing their positions for

and against the move. After the defense filed a third brief, including a 40-page affidavit from a second expert, the judge struck it from the court docket, granting a request from prosecutors who said, "Tsarnaev has decided that there should be no limits on his right to litigate it." The stakes are huge: Tsarnaev could get the death penalty if convicted. □



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NYPD says terror threat more complex than ever

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Air strikes in Iraq, ongoing unrest in Syria and the beheadings of two American journalists are casting a long shadow over the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. While there is no specific threat against New York ahead of the Thursday commemoration, the rising power of disparate militant groups around the world presents the most complex terrorism danger since the twin towers were destroyed, New York intelligence officials said this week. "It is layer upon layer upon layer — not all coming from the same place or ideology," said John Miller, the

New York Police Department's deputy commissioner of intelligence and counterterrorism. That differs from five years ago, when the risk was chiefly from al-Qaida, Miller said. Now, he said, the threat is also coming from the well-funded, highly sophisticated "mass marketing of terrorism" — affiliate groups, foreign fighters, uprising militants and the idea of "al-Qaida-ism." "When you look at the level of sophistication, the amount of slickness applied to their video production, the amount of thought that goes into creating a narrative," he said, "They're doing the same kind of thing as we've seen in commer-

cial publishing or in the ad industry." New York remains the top target, and that makes preparing for big events, including the U.S. Open tennis tournament, the United Nations General Assembly and the Sept. 11 commemoration, that much more critical, officials said. Plus, President Barack Obama plans this week to outline an expanded U.S. campaign against militants in Iraq and Syria following the beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff. New York Police Commissioner William Bratton said the department is prepared. "We will, as always, ramp up intelligence gathering



In this Sept. 11, 2013 photo, a police officer provides security at the National September 11 Memorial at the World Trade Center during ceremonies marking the anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York. New York City police plan heavy security for the anniversary ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014. (AP Photo/Allan Tannenbaum)

and visibility," Bratton said. That means thousands of officers in specialized teams, bomb-sniffing dogs who can detect not only the scent of a bomb but the vapors of a moving target, undercover officers and teams of police using radioactive detection devices and other high-tech tools. Intelligence officers around the globe will be reporting in regularly and monitoring events around the world. If something happens in Gaza, it's instantly felt in New York because of the large Jewish and Palestinian populations. "Things ricochet real quick

here," said intelligence chief Thomas Galati. The private anniversary ceremony will be held on the National September 11 Memorial & Museum plaza on Thursday morning. The tribute has centered on reading the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed in New York, at the Pentagon and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the 2001 attacks, as well as recognizing the six people killed in the 1993 trade center bombing. But for the first time, the memorial plaza will be open to the public this year from 6 p.m. to midnight.

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4th aid worker with Ebola arrives in Atlanta



A person wearing a haz-mat suit steps out of an ambulance as an ebola patient arrives for treatment, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, in Atlanta. The fourth American aid worker sickened with the Ebola virus arrived Tuesday morning for treatment at Emory University Hospital, where two others have been successfully treated.

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The fourth U.S. aid worker sickened with Ebola arrived in Atlanta on Tuesday, mirroring the carefully choreographed routine of the two Americans already successfully treated and released from Emory University Hospital's special isolation unit.

The latest patient — unidentified by hospital officials, who cited privacy restrictions — arrived more than a month after missionaries Dr. Kent Brantly, 33, and Nancy Writebol, 59. All were flown in the same specially equipped medical plane from Africa to a military air base just outside Atlanta, then taken in ambulances with police escorts to the hospital. Helicopters buzzed above, and reporters and television cameras gathered in clusters along the street. The patients wore bulky, protective suits. On Tuesday, Emory's third patient walked from the ambulance, as Brantly did. Writebol was taken in a stretcher.

The delicate process seemed to run like a well-oiled machine, attracting fewer curious onlookers and drawing less concern from the public the third time around.

Dr. Aneesh Mehta said

the fact that the patient walked is a good sign but emphasized that doctors will look at overhaul health and all options for a treatment plan. Mehta said the medical team's confidence was bolstered by the first two patients' recovery: They were released last month, and doctors stressed that they showed no sign of the virus, posing no public health risk.

"We have even more confidence that our advanced supportive care measures did have an impact, so those are going to be the mainstay of our care," Mehta said.

He did not release other details of the patient's identity or status. But the World Health Organization said a doctor who had been working in an Ebola treatment center in Sierra Leone tested positive for the disease and was to be evacuated Monday in stable condition. The Ebola outbreak sweeping West Africa has killed more than 2,200 people and has taken a particularly high toll on health care workers.

Dr. Rick Sacra, 51, is being treated at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. His condition is improving, one of his doctors said Tuesday.

Federal officials said they asked the Nebraska hos-

pital to treat him instead of Emory to prepare other isolation units for more Ebola patients if needed. The Nebraska's unit has 10 beds. Emory's isolation unit is ready to hold three people, and that capacity could be increased, Mehta said.

Mehta did not say which, if any, drugs would be used on the latest patient. Brantly and Writebol were the first to get the experimental drug ZMapp, but the supply is gone. Both credited the drug with helping their recovery, though there is no way to know its effects. Sacra is being treated with a different experimental drug. His doctors have refused to name it but say they've been consulting with experts on Ebola.

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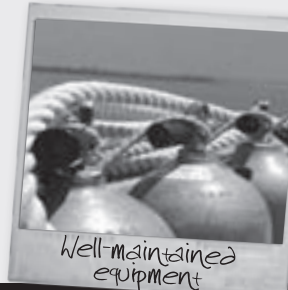
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Study: Want lower gas prices? Ship more oil abroad

JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Exporting more U.S. crude around the world would lower the price of gasoline for U.S. drivers and benefit the U.S. economy, according to a new study released Tuesday. While the conclusion may be counter-intuitive, the reasoning is straightforward: Exports would encourage more U.S. oil production and put that crude on the global market. That would lower the global price of oil, the price that is linked most closely to the price of gasoline in the U.S. Exports of U.S. crude oil have been banned, with few exceptions, since soon after the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

Other studies have reached similar conclusions. This latest study, released Tuesday, was conducted for the Brookings Institution by NERA Economic Consulting. The study was introduced by former Obama adviser Larry Summers, who made a forceful case for removing the export restrictions as soon as possible. Summers said the decades-old restrictions serve no purpose now and that oil exports would add jobs, improve the nation's geopolitical standing, and generate desperately-needed economic growth. "We shouldn't have prohibitions without a reason," he said. "We need all the economic benefits we can get."

The study calculates that pump prices would fall 2 cents to 12 cents per gallon on average, depending on how much oil is ultimately found and when the export

prices worldwide." The overall U.S. economy would benefit from more oil-producing jobs, higher wages, and consumers spending the money they

lowed only with special federal approval, the result of restrictions put in place after the 1973 Arab oil embargo. The rules went largely unchallenged for decades because oil production in the U.S. was slipping while demand was rising, so few thought the U.S. would be in a position to export oil.

The U.S. still uses far more crude oil than it produces. But domestic oil production is booming in North Dakota, Texas and elsewhere thanks to improved drilling techniques. The oil being produced is a variety of crude that foreign refineries covet and that many U.S. refineries are not equipped to handle. Oil producers and some politicians have called for the export ban to be lifted.

Opposition to exports of crude comes from U.S. refiners who benefit from lower-priced U.S. crude and some politicians. They argue that lifting the ban would raise U.S. crude prices, making it less profitable for domestic refiners to produce fuel.



Marty Mascio of Pembroke Pines, Fla., selects a grade of gasoline as he fills up his car at a Chevron station in Pembroke Pines. Lifting restrictions on exports of crude oil from the U.S. would benefit the U.S. economy and lead to a slight dip in gasoline prices, according to a study released Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.
(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

restrictions are lifted, because oil prices would fall. "Lifting the export ban would remove an artificial barrier to crude oil production," the study's authors conclude. "The result would be lower crude oil

save on gasoline on other products, the authors conclude. Delaying a decision on the ban, the authors say, would eliminate nearly all the potential benefits. U.S. crude exports are al-

Late-payment rate on US auto loans rise

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AP Business Writer

As U.S. sales of cars and trucks have grown this year, so has the late-payment rate on auto loans. The rate of U.S. auto-loan payments late by 60 days or more rose to 0.95 percent in the second quarter from 0.87 percent a year earlier, credit reporting agency TransUnion said Tuesday. The latest auto loan delinquency rate was down from 1 percent in the first three months of the year, however, and remains below the average for the April-June period going back to 2007, the firm said.

The increase compared with the second quarter a year ago follows strong growth in auto sales, which has fueled a rise in auto lending, including to borrowers with less-than-perfect credit. "In fact, there are four million more auto loan accounts in the marketplace than we observed just last year," said Peter Turek, automotive vice president for TransUnion. "This means with more auto loans in the marketplace and a delinquency rate ticking higher, we now have several thousand more delinquent accounts than

at the midpoint of 2013." All told, TransUnion recorded 62.3 million auto loan accounts in the second quarter, an increase of 7 percent from a year earlier. As more Americans have been taking on loans to buy cars and trucks, they've also been carrying higher loan balances. Auto loan debt per borrower grew 4.1 percent to \$17,090 in the April-June period from a year earlier. It's been increasing steadily for more than three years, driven by a strong market for new and used vehicles and low interest rates.

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US Financial Front:

American recovery drives the dollar sharply higher

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In the world of currencies, the dollar is starting to look like a safe home in a tough neighborhood.

A strengthening American economy, combined with a gloomy outlook for growth elsewhere, is pushing the U.S. currency sharply higher.

The dollar is up 6.4 percent against a group of major currencies since the start of May and has risen in three of the past four months. The U.S. currency climbed Tuesday to its highest level in six years against the Japanese yen, and it's trading at its highest level in 14 months against the euro.

A continued run-up could mean lower prices for imported cars and crude oil. On the other hand, it could also crimp profits for U.S. companies as their goods become pricier overseas. A stronger dollar starts with a healthier U.S. economy, and recent news on that front has been mostly good. Construction, manufacturing and autos sales have all posted solid numbers.

Those healthy signs have allowed the Federal Reserve to wind down its economic stimulus. The Fed's next step would be to raise short-term interest rates from their near-zero levels, a move expected next

year. Improving growth and the prospect of higher interest rates make the U.S. a more attractive place to invest, prompting people to buy dollars and push up the currency's value.

At the same time, the outlook in Europe and Japan is less encouraging.

"While consumption here is not booming, it is in a better place than it is in Europe or Japan," says Russ Kosterich, chief investment strategist at BlackRock.

A look at how a stronger dollar could play out across financial markets and the economy:

LOWER COMMODITY PRICES

A stronger dollar lowers prices for global commodities, which are priced and traded in dollars.

As the dollar rises, commodities such as oil become more expensive for overseas buyers, who have to convert their weaker currencies into dollars. That curbs demand.

The CRB Index, which tracks the price of a broad range of commodities, has slumped 8 percent since the end of June, while the dollar has gained almost 5 percent over the same period.

MORE MONEY IN CONSUMER'S POCKETS

A stronger dollar is good news for American consumers and not just those who are traveling overseas.

Imported goods such as autos and computers will cost less to buy. That could mean more money in shoppers' pockets.

"If I'm spending less on

ficial to the U.S. economy."

The U.S. economy expanded 2.5 percent last year, and the Federal Reserve expects the growth to continue. The Fed forecasts

The dollar has gained 6.8 percent against the euro in the past four months. It now takes \$1.29 to buy a euro, compared with \$1.39 at the start of May.

LOW RATES FOR LONGER

The Fed has been able to hold interest rates close to zero for years because inflation has remained tame. Consumer inflation is up a moderate 2 percent over the past year, a level the Fed is comfortable with.

A stronger dollar could help keep rates from rising too fast. It reduces the price of goods that are imported from overseas. And because the U.S. imports more than it exports, price increases, on average, should remain muted.

A HARDER SELL

A stronger dollar also carries risks. It can hurt U.S. exporters in two ways. It makes their products more expensive and less competitive in foreign markets. It also delivers a blow to profits: Money earned in foreign currencies is worth less when converted back into dollars.



A woman counts U.S. dollar and Turkish lira banknotes at a currency exchange office in Istanbul, Turkey. A strengthening U.S. economy, combined with a gloomy outlook for growth elsewhere in the world, is pushing the U.S. currency to its highest level in more than a year.

(AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)

imported products, then I have more money left over," says David Lebovitz, a global market strategist at JPMorgan. "I can increase my overall purchasing, which would be bene-

growth of about 2.2 percent this year and 3.1 percent next year.

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Job seeker Stephen Watson, of Fort Lauderdale, second from left, reviews the job qualifications during a job fair in Sunrise, Fla. The Labor Department reported on job openings and labor turnover in July on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.

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As hiring rises; US job openings near 13-year high

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of U.S. job openings remained near the highest level in 13 years in July, and companies also stepped up hiring that month to the fastest pace in nearly seven years, two signs the job market is slowly healing. The tally of available jobs ticked down 2,000 to 4.67 million in July, the Labor Department said Tuesday. The drop was led by a decline in government job postings. Businesses actually advertised slightly more jobs. Total hiring, meanwhile, jumped 81,000 to 4.87 million, the highest level since December 2007, when the Great Recession began. That indicates companies are more likely to fill their open jobs. Still, that is be-

low the pre-recession average of just over 5 million hires a month. The figures suggest the job market is still making progress, despite last week's mildly disappointing employment report. That report showed that employers added a net total of just 142,000 jobs in August, the fewest since December. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from 6.2 percent, but only because some of those out of work gave up looking. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they are actively searching. Research by economists at JPMorgan Chase has shown that a rise in openings is typically followed 1-2 months later by greater net job gains. "With the number of jobs available still near a 13-

year high, the slowdown in net hiring exhibited in the August payrolls report is likely to be short-lived," John Silvia, an economist at Wells Fargo, said in a research note. Job openings fell in manufacturing and construction, while they rose in retail and hotels and restaurants. Tuesday's figures come from the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, which provides a more detailed look at the job market than the employment report. It reports figures for overall hiring, as well as the number of quits and layoffs. The monthly jobs figures are a net total of job gains or losses. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is closely following the JOLTS data as she considers when the Fed should begin raising interest rates.

Home Depot confirms data breaches in US and Canada

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of home-improvement retailer Home Depot sank before the opening bell Tuesday after confirming that its payment systems had been hacked, potentially exposing millions of shoppers who used credit and debit cards at its more than 2,000 U.S. and Canadian stores. The breach could turn out to be one of the biggest in history. Home Depot did not say how many cards might be affected, but the largest U.S. home improvement chain did say late Monday that its investigation into the breach goes as far back as April. The news comes nearly a week after a website that focuses on cybersecurity reported on Tuesday a possible hack of Home Depot's data. The company said later that day that it was investigating the potential breach. "We apologize for the frustration and anxiety this causes our customers, and I want to thank them for their patience and support as we work through this issue," Chairman and CEO Frank Blake said in a press release. Home Depot is the latest retailer to have a data breach. Others include Target, luxury retailer Neiman Marcus, grocer Supervalu, restaurant chain P.F. Chang's and the thrift store operations of Goodwill. In December, Target Corp. disclosed a massive data breach that was the second-largest in history, resulting in the theft of 40 million debit and credit card numbers and the potential exposure of personal information of up to 70 million shoppers. Forrester Research analyst John Kindervag said the Home Depot breach could affect similar numbers of shoppers or cards, noting that months' worth of data may have been compromised. "From what I'm hearing, people think this will be as big as Target or bigger," he said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. The retail breaches have rattled shoppers' confidence at a time when privacy concerns are high. It's also increased pressure on retailers to increase security so that customers can feel safe that their personal data is secure when they're out shopping. Retailers, banks and card companies have responded to the breaches by speeding the adoption of microchips in U.S. credit and debit cards. That technology helps makes transactions more secure. Home Depot, which said malware was used in the hack, has announced that it plans to have chip-enabled checkout terminals at all of its U.S. stores by the end of this year.

Wreckage scattered in Ukraine as inquiry released

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MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP) — A child's jump rope, its yellow handles blistered and charred. A burned book in

Tagalog. Chunks of twisted fuselage. More than seven weeks after being shot from the sky, the wreckage from Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 still lay strewn Tuesday across the fields of eastern

Ukraine.

As evidence of the July 17 aviation disaster that killed all 298 people on board remained exposed to the elements, investigators hundreds of miles away in the

Netherlands — who have not yet visited the crash site because it is deemed too dangerous — released a preliminary report that left key questions unanswered. The plane had no mechanical or other technical problem in the seconds before it broke up in the sky after being struck by multiple "high-energy objects from outside the aircraft," the report said.

There were multiple punctures in the cockpit and front section of the fuselage, it said — damage that could be caused by a missile that detonates in front of its target and peppers it with small chunks of metal.

However, investigators did not identify the source of the fragments or say who fired them.

Although the report drew no conclusions about responsibility, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said the findings were consistent with "our original assessment, that

it was likely shot down by one of these surface-to-air missiles fired from separatist-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine."

"I'm unaware of other objects or ways that it could be brought down that are consistent with that finding," Harf said of the report. "It highlights questions for which Russia must still answer."

The slow pace of the inquiry, its cautious preliminary conclusion and the fact that wreckage and human remains are still lying in Ukraine frustrated and angered victims' families.

"Well, I don't know what to say about this," said Samira Calehr, a Dutch mother who lost two sons, 11-year-old Miguel and 19-year-old Shaka, in the crash.

She said that she wants the people responsible for downing the plane brought to justice "as soon as possible," pausing for emphasis on every word. "I want to know who killed my children."



A Pro-Russian rebel looks at pieces of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 plane near village of Rozypne, eastern Ukraine, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.

(AP Photo/Sergei Grits)

Palestinian: Donors wary of funding Hamas-run Gaza

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— The deputy Palestinian prime minister said Tuesday that international donors are hesitant to fund the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip so long as Hamas remains in control there and the specter of future wars looms.

Mohammed Mustafa, a top official in the West Bank Palestinian Authority, said international bodies are eager for President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah forces to take on a leading role in Gaza in the wake of a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas that killed more than 2,000 people. With Hamas still committed to Israel's destruction and with an arsenal of rockets still at its disposal, the donors are wary of rebuilding, Mustafa said. This summer's war was the third in less than six years.

"Some donors say why sponsor Israeli wars in Gaza every two years," Mustafa

said. "Some donor countries are concerned because of the atmosphere on the ground ... because the reconstruction is not possible without enabling the (Palestinian) government to take the lead in all aspect of life in Gaza."

Mustafa said despite the obstacles, the Palestinian Authority had launched a relief plan for Gaza and will call for a donor conference in Egypt next month. Egypt announced late Tuesday the conference, co-sponsored by Norway, would be held Oct. 12.

In Washington, Maen Areikat, ambassador and chief representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization delegation to the U.S., said that while donors are nervous, the Palestinian Authority has received indications that many are willing to contribute to a massive reconstruction effort. "I think Hamas understands that everything is going to be channeled through the

Palestinian Authority. They are not arguing with that." U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Mustafa and U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator James Rawley released a new appeal Tuesday for \$551 million for emergency aid in Gaza, up from the \$367 million re-

quested in Aug. 1.

He said the assistance is needed for food and basic supplies, expanding access to health, water and education, protection of the population and psycho-social support. He said the aid will be provided through the government,

U.N. agencies and international and local aid groups. Dujarric said Rawley stressed that the appeal is not a solution and called for fundamental changes including a continued cease-fire, the full lifting of the blockade and a political solution.

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People flee advancing Islamic militants in Nigeria

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Associated Press

YOLA, Nigeria (AP) — Residents who feared for their lives and fled from Nigeria on Tuesday said that Boko Haram fighters are patrolling 50 kilometers (32 miles) of road between two of several towns the Islamic extremists have seized alongside northeast Nigeria's border with Cameroon. Mubi, the town residents left, was a center for thou-

sands of refugees trying to avoid fighting, but militants got too close Tuesday. Officials closed the Adamawa State University there, as Boko Haram fighters seized Mararaban Mubi, a village just outside of Mubi, in Adamawa state, according to a long-silent Boko Haram spokesman. Abu Zinnira also denied military claims that soldiers have retaken the city of Bama, 75 kilometers (45 miles) from Maiduguri, the capital of Borno

state that is the birthplace of Boko Haram and headquarters of a faltering military campaign against the extremists.

Zinnira called journalists in Maiduguri on Monday night to rebut "the series of lies that the Nigerian military have been feeding the world on our recent conquests." Zinnira, a nom-de-guerre, had not been heard from in two years.

Military officers on Tuesday claimed to have retaken

another fallen town — Bazza in Adamawa state, but there was no way to verify the report.

There had been fierce fighting around Bazza, led by a son of former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, who was shot in both legs on Monday, according to hospital authorities who are treating him. Lt. Col. Adeboye Obasanjo is an army engineer

The United States announced last week it is

launching a major border security program for Nigeria and its neighbors to help fight Boko Haram.

The fighting has spilled over into Cameroon, where residents of Mubi fled to. The Nigerian extremists at the weekend attacked the Cameroonian border town of Fotocol, across the border from Borno, but Cameroonian troops drove them off and killed about 100 of their fighters, Cameroon state radio reported.

Scale of flooding stymies relief in India and Pakistan

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SRINAGAR, India - After nearly a week of incessant rains and flooding that have left hundreds of people dead in Pakistan and the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, rescue operations have been strained by the scale of the disaster and a collapse in some areas of the communications infrastructure.

In the Kashmir Valley, people have been stranded in homes, hospitals, hotels and houseboats, at schools and on highways, many going for days without food.

Locals have constructed rafts using planks of wood with tires attached in an effort to evacuate flooded neighborhoods. Soldiers who would otherwise be deployed for relief work have instead stayed huddled on the second floor of an army garrison, stranded

by water 6 feet deep.

Perhaps one of the most daunting developments in the relief effort has been the collapse of communication systems, which has hampered emergency

medical workers and separated families.

"The lack of communication is a major setback because the commanding officer cannot communicate with his own team,"

said Jaydeep Singh, a commanding officer with India's National Disaster Response Force. He estimated that in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, 70 percent of

the population of nearly 1.2 million had been affected by the floods.

Over the weekend, water inundated equipment stored on the ground floor of the Indian state-run telecommunications provider Bharat Sanchar Nigam. The company's executive director, M.C. Chaube, said that restoring service to Srinagar would be difficult.

"Our equipment is underwater and power supply is also down," he said. "It will take time to restore the network." Chaube added that the water would have to recede before they could take stock of the damage.

In India, the death toll from the flooding rose above 150. In Pakistan, the death toll rose to 231 Tuesday, according to government officials, as rescue efforts were stepped up to reach stranded people across dozens of districts.



An aerial view shows buildings submerged in floodwaters in Srinagar, in Indian Kashmir, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014. The death toll from floods in Pakistan and India reached 400 on Tuesday and have put more than half a million people in peril and rendered thousands homeless in the two neighboring states.

(AP Photo/Dar Yasin)

Rights Group: Thousands of migrants forced to leave Israel

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JERUSALEM - Thousands of Sudanese migrants to Israel and hundreds of Eritreans have returned to their home countries this year as a result of an Israeli policy that amounted to "unlawful coercion," Human Rights Watch said Tuesday. The group said the migrants had been left little option but to go back even though they were at risk

of imprisonment or abuse at the hands of repressive governments, and despite protections that Israel is obligated to provide under international conventions.

The New York-based human rights group said in a lengthy report that it had documented seven cases in which citizens of Sudan were detained and interrogated in the capital, Khartoum, on their return.

While four of the seven

were released after short periods, the report said one was tortured, a second was put in solitary confinement and a third was "charged with treason for visiting Israel," which does not maintain diplomatic relations with Sudan. The group said that under Sudanese law it is a crime to visit Israel, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, and that at least 6,400 Sudanese had returned between January

2013 and the end of June 2014.

The report also said 367 Eritreans had returned home after reaching Israel, but neither Human Rights Watch nor the representative in Israel of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees had any confirmed information about them.

In many cases, migrants were offered a choice between going home or facing the threat of "indefinite

detention" in a semi-open but remote facility in the Negev desert that does not allow them to work.

"International law is clear that when Israel threatens Eritreans and Sudanese with lifelong detention, they aren't freely deciding to leave Israel and risk harm back home," said Gerry Simpson, senior refugee researcher at Human Rights Watch and the author of the report.



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Chile steps up security after bomb hurts 14

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Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

Chile's president on Tuesday increased security measures and expanded powers to investigate a day after a bomb attack injured 14 people in the country's capital. The lunchtime blast on Monday ripped through a fast-food restaurant next to a busy subway station. It was the most damaging of nearly 30 bombings in Santiago this year, and the worst attack of its kind since the country's return to democracy in 1990.

"Those who carry out this acts think they will frighten us, but we're not going to let a small group of terrorists and cowards scare the vast majority who want a peaceful country," President Michelle Bachelet said after she led a high-level security meeting.

"I have instructed the interior minister to reinforce security on the subway system and in places where lots of people gather," Bachelet said. "The coordination between police and intelligence organisms will be key to obtaining concrete results in the investigations. Our hand will not tremble with these sorts of acts."

No group has claimed responsibility so far, but many past bombings have been claimed by anarchist groups.

Chile's government has invoked the country's tough anti-terror law that lets suspects be held in isolation without charges and permits secret witnesses in investigations. Santiago is one of the safest capitals in Latin America, but Chileans have been shocked by at least 29 bombs that have been planted across the city so far this year. □

Under militia power, Libya closer to failed state

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CAIRO (AP) —

After three years of chaos since Moammar Gadhafi's fall, Libya is further crumbling into a failed state after Islamist-allied militias took over the capital Tripoli and other cities and set up their own government, driving

complete fragmentation.

Fighting the past month as the militias took over Tripoli and Benghazi drove more than 100,000 Libyans from their homes and some 150,000 foreign workers out of the country. Tripoli's international airport was virtually demolished as rival militias battled to control it. During the fighting, both

controls the capital.

On the other side, the parliament elected in June — which is dominated by anti-Islamist politicians — was forced to flee to the remote eastern coastal city of Tobruk, near the Egyptian border more than 1,500 kilometers (900 miles) from Tripoli. There, it is setting up its own government, led by

bureaucrats and ministry employees have largely ignored their calls to come to work, and there is no one to make decisions.

"We have ministries without ministers. There is no one in power, no budget," said Adel Sunallah, the head of the Culture Ministry's media office. "The government is in a state of paralysis."

Libya's oil exports are flowing — at up to 740,000 barrels a day, one of the few bright spots in the country. The revenues are put into the Central Bank. Both sides are pushing for the bank to give it the money but so far, the bank has tried to stay neutral, apparently waiting until courts resolve which government is legitimate. It has disbursed money to pay government salaries but nothing more. The head of the Central Bank has gone so far as to physically remove himself, travelling to Malta.

In one of the many ironies in Libya, many of the militias on both sides are receiving salaries since they are officially on government payrolls. "We are giving salaries to those who are battling with us," said Tarek al-Garoushi, a lawmaker in the Tobruk-based parliament.

The conflict is broadly painted as one between Islamist and liberals. But in many ways it is less ideological than a political struggle for power. For example, militias from Libya's third largest city, Misrata, are the main force allied to the Islamists and led the takeover of Tripoli. But not all of those militias have Islamist ideologies. Instead, they contend they are protecting the country against Gadhafi loyalists they say are behind the anti-Islamist politicians.



Libyan military guards check one of the U.S. consulate's burned buildings in Benghazi. In September, 2014, as Libya crumbles into a failed state, a unique geography is emerging. All around the country, cities, towns and tribes are now choosing sides, raising fears of outright civil war. (AP Photo/Mohammad Hannon, File)

out a parliament that was elected over the summer. The militia takeover last month has raised alarm in the West. Among the militias are Islamic extremists, including Ansar al-Shariah, which now rules the country's second largest city, Benghazi. The group is blamed for the killing of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in a 2012 attack on a U.S. diplomatic facility in the city. France's defense minister in an interview published Tuesday warned that Libya is a "hub for terrorists" and called for international action, even talking of moving French troops to the borders. Beyond fears of extremists, many Libyans worry their country is on the verge of

sides wildly bombarded residential neighborhoods and kidnapped civilians suspected of supporting their opponents, acts that Human Rights Watch this week said amount to crimes against humanity. "Libya has entered the condition of a failed state. We are very similar to Lebanon in the 1980s or Somalia," said Libyan analyst Ezz Eddin Ukail, speaking from neighboring Tunisia. "We are at the doorstep of a civil war."

Now the oil-rich North African nation has two rival, would-be governments. One, based in Tripoli, has been declared by Islamists backed by the might of an umbrella group of militias called Libya Dawn, which

Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni and backed by the weak and shattered military and a few militias.

All around the country, cities, towns, tribes and ethnic minorities are now choosing sides, raising the possibility of greater conflict. Across much of the west, militias running most cities have thrown their backing to the Islamists in Tripoli, but the cities' populations are divided. In the south this week, the Tabu ethnic group declared its backing for the Tobruk government after rival Arab tribes in the area gave their support to the Tripoli government.

Meanwhile, neither government can actually rule. The Tripoli militias control ministry buildings — but

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As Scots eye independence, rest of UK gets nervous

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Associated Press

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED, England (AP) — All Gavin Jones has to do is scan the shelves of his impossibly quaint shop on England's border with Scotland to know he'll have a big problem if the Scots declare independence next week.

There are teddy bears in Campbell clan tartans and shelves of shortbread from Scotland — just above the red jams made in England. After independence, the Scottish goods could be subject to import duties, and customers might start paying in two different currencies. Business in Berwick-upon-Tweed, England's northernmost town, could soon be crushed by bank transaction costs.

"If Scotland chooses independence, it changes our concept of local," he said. "There are then barriers put in place."

Berwickers like to think of themselves as neither English nor Scottish. Little wonder: this enclave has changed hands 13 times over the centuries. But there is no getting away from the fact that the locals in Berwick (pronounced BEAR-ick) could be dramatically affected by the Sept. 18 referendum.

In that way, they are like the rest of Britain. While the vote may alter the balance of power in British politics, increase the likelihood that the U.K. will leave the European Union and weaken the nation's economy and currency, the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have no say in the outcome. Only residents of Scotland are eligible to cast ballots.

Britain's left-leaning Labour Party would be the biggest political victim of independence — it is often joked

there are more pandas in Edinburgh's zoo than there are Conservative Party lawmakers in Scotland. Scottish voters elected 41 Labour members of Parliament in the 2010 election and only one Conservative. There are two pandas in the zoo.

that wants Britain to stay. Leaving the EU could have huge consequences for Britain. The EU guarantees freedom of movement for people, goods and money, a big advantage for companies that want to do business across the bloc, which with its 500 mil-

two referenda, plus the general election all coming very close together, one way or another, we're going to have five years of constitutional chaos."

More immediately, the loss of Scotland could hurt Britain through the amount of financial uncertainty it

sure of economic value created in a year, according to official figures. It also has 84 percent of British North Sea oil reserves in its waters.

An independent Scotland would take with it some 7 billion pounds (\$11.6 billion) a year in revenue from the oil. That would roughly balance out with transfer payments it gets from the central British government. For Britain, however, it would mean a drop in the amount of energy supplies it could rely on.

The currency question is the murkiest. While independence leaders say they will continue to use the pound, politicians in London have ruled out a currency union. Because the result of the 18-month separation talks would affect the value of the pound, foreign investors in Britain could delay big decisions — opening a factory, for example, or hiring new staff — until a time when they can better gauge the risks and costs. Investment bank Goldman Sachs last week warned that while there was no reason an independent Scotland couldn't prosper in the long-run, "in the short-to-medium-term, the consequences of a surprise 'Yes' vote for the Scottish economy, and for the U.K. more broadly, could be severely negative."

Kevin Daly, Goldman Sachs' chief U.K. economist, said uncertainty about the pound's future value could even trigger a run on the currency. The Bank of England is working on contingency plans to manage the pound in the event of a Yes vote.

The potential for trouble was made clear this week, when the pound nosedived after a poll showed the No campaign had lost its lead. □



Business owners Gavin and Gail Jones inside their shop which sells products from Scotland and England in Berwick Upon Tweed, England, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. The British government plans to offer Scotland more financial autonomy in the coming days as polls predict a very close vote in the September 18 referendum on Scottish independence. (AP Photo/Scott Heppell)

If the next general election due in May were held today, eliminating Scottish votes would give Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives a 37-seat majority win.

That could drag Britain toward yet another high-stakes vote — on whether the country as a whole should leave the EU. Cameron has promised a referendum to appease voters concerned about immigration and meddling by bureaucrats in Brussels. Scotland has been very pro-EU, so losing its votes would weaken the camp

lion people is the world's largest combined economy. If Britain were to leave the bloc, multinational companies that have their EU headquarters in London — from Starbucks to many of the world's biggest banks — may seek to relocate, taking money and jobs with them.

"These are very crucial times for the U.K.," said Patrick Dunleavy, a professor of political science at the London School of Economics. "The U.K. has been united for 300 years and it's been in the European Union since 1973. These

would generate over the next 18 months — the time it would take Scotland to sever its ties with Britain. During that period, policymakers would have to agree on whether Scotland would continue to use the pound as its currency as well as how to split British public debt and North Sea oil revenue.

"It would be a fairly long 18 months," said Monique Ebell, an economist at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. Scotland accounts for almost 8 percent of Britain's gross value added, a mea-



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DRUIF BEACH - Maartje van Hoek, a reporter who works for one of the largest newspapers of Holland called "Volkskrant," was here on Aruba recently upon invitation of both the Aruba

Tourism Authority and the organizers of the Electric Festival 2014. This was her second visit to Aruba, and this time she was here as a freelancer to promote our island in vari-



ous other magazines. For that reason, this time, she was accompanied by her photographer Abraham van Hoek. Ricardo Croes from the Aruba Tourism Authority was in charge of the visit

and coordinated a separate program for them and the Latin press. The group visited our tourist attractions in order to promote our island in the most effective way. Maartje mentioned that

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The honorees were Mr. Stuart and Mrs. Karen Fishkin from Syosset, New York, and Mr. Neil and Mrs. Lisa Van Doren and their son Matthew Van Doren from Spotswood, New Jersey. All the honorees are loyal members of the Costa Linda and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, beaches and restaurants, and because the people are like a family to them and Costa Linda is their home away from home. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Miriam Rodriguez representing the Costa Linda Beach Resort and family members of the honorees. □





NFL turns over every leaf in ongoing revenue hunt

EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

In the not-too-distant future, an American football fan could take a seat at the stadium, punch up any game on a seatback monitor, keep tabs on the real-time stats of a fantasy team, order up a hot dog and beer, and even have a brand-new jacket brought to the seat if the wind picks up.

This is the future of the NFL — the \$9 billion league that kicked off the 2014 season last week and has plans on going bigger over the next decade.

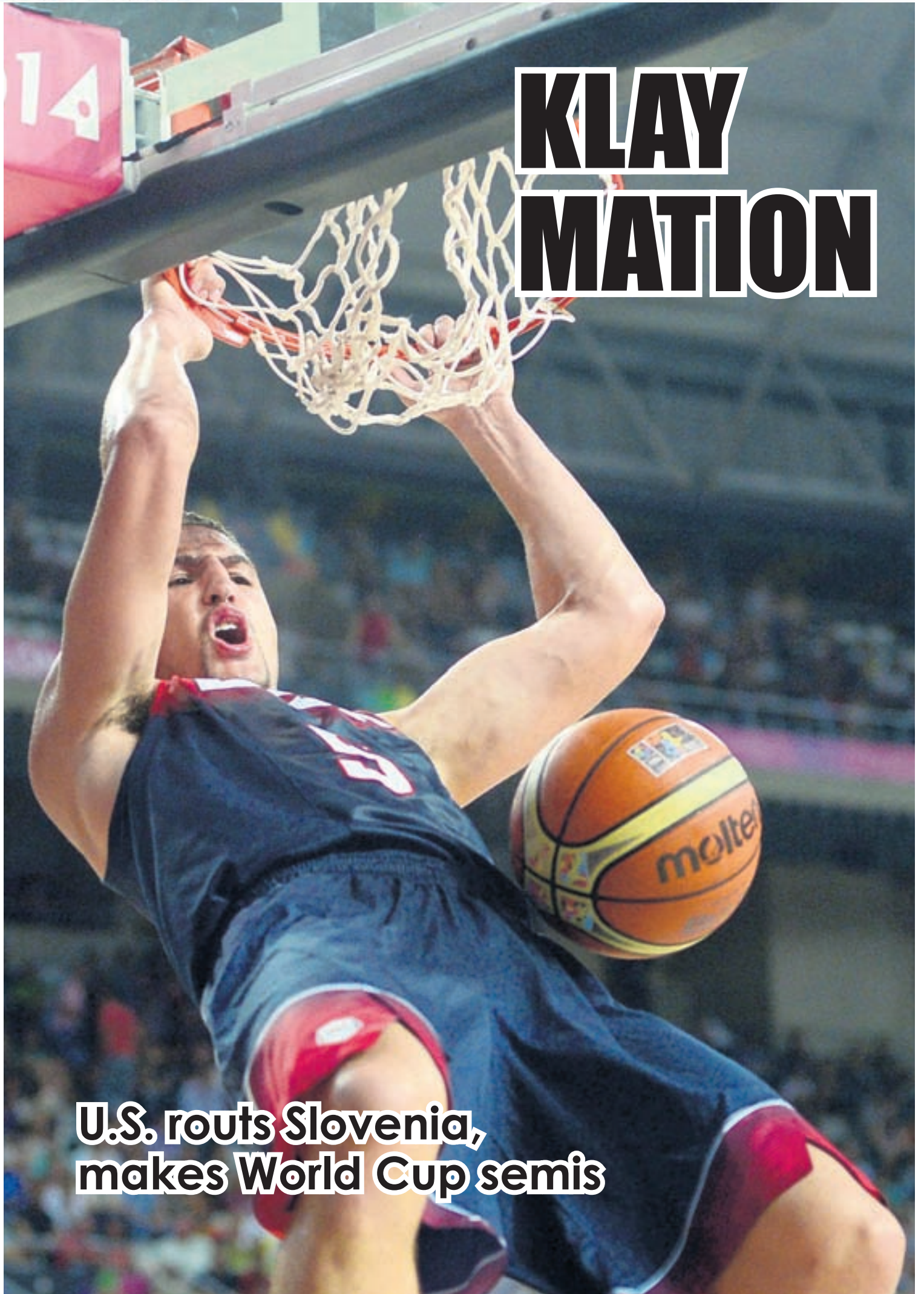
Player agent Leigh Steinberg, who foresaw the TV explosion that bankrolled the NFL into the 21st century, views the stadium-as-marketplace concept as one of the natural and soon-to-come investments the league can make en route to making its next \$9 billion.

Commissioner Roger Goodell is thinking even bigger — on record as saying he wants to grow the NFL into a \$25 billion business by 2027.

Here are some places those billions could come from:

FUTURISTIC STADIUMS: Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, with its Fantasy Football Lounge and Internet-friendly seating throughout, is just a starting point by Steinberg's estimate. He sees a day when do-everything monitors installed on seatbacks include high-quality audio that lets fans listen to coaches, the way they can hear the crew chief talking to the driver in a NASCAR race.

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Klay Thompson of the U.S. dunks during the Basketball World Cup quarterfinal between Slovenia and United States at the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.
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What does 2014 Grand Slam season mean for 2015?

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After nearly a full decade of Grand Slam finals involving Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic, Marin Cilic's victory over Kei Nishikori at the U.S. Open gave hope to others that there might be room at the top. From now until the next major tournament, the Australian Open, begins in January, the discussion becomes about whether what happened in 2014 really signals a transformation in men's tennis. And, if it does, who might be next to elbow his way into the mix. "I feel," Cilic said Tuesday, "the percentage got bigger for the rest of the guys." Starting with the 2005 French Open, at least one of Federer, Nadal or Djokovic participated in 38 consecutive Grand Slam finals; two members of that trio faced each other in 17 of those title matches. And that tiny, talented group combined for 34 of the championships in that span. The four exceptions over 9 1/2 years leading into this U.S. Open: Juan Martin del Potro's victory over Federer at the U.S. Open in 2009, Andy Murray's wins against Djokovic at the U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon last year, and Stan Wawrinka's defeat of Nadal at the Australian Open this January. That's it. So what did someone such as Cilic, a 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) big hitter with gobs of natural ability, think



Marin Cilic, of Croatia, poses with the U.S. Open tennis men's singles trophy at the Top of the Rock Observation Deck at Rockefeller Center on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014. Cilic defeated Kei Nishikori, of Japan, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 on Monday.

as he saw the same players collect the hardware time after time? "That they are great champions, and it's going to take so much to break them and to break (into) the finals of a Grand Slam or to be able to win it," he told a small group of reporters between TV appearances in Manhattan. "Last several years, it almost felt like you have to play incredible tennis in order to achieve that," Cilic said. "And I would say I was also a little bit lucky here. There was no Rafa.

And I had a good draw. I didn't play Novak or Andy or those guys." He did, however, win the last 10 sets he played at the U.S. Open, against four opponents who were a combined 19-5 against Cilic entering the tournament. That included a straight-set domination of Federer in the semifinals, raising questions yet again about whether, at 33, the 17-time major champion will ever add to his total. Nadal didn't try to defend his 2013 U.S. Open title because of his latest injury, this

time to his right wrist. Djokovic disappeared against Nishikori in the semifinals. Murray, recently added to what used to be known as the "Big 3" to create what some consider a "Big 4," is still not quite up to the standards he was setting before back surgery a year ago. Wawrinka's triumph in Melbourne left some, including Cilic, with an inkling that things were going to be different. So did Grand Slam semifinal debuts by Ernests Gulbis at the French Open in June, and by Grigor Dimi-

trov and Milos Raonic at Wimbledon in July.

"They are coming. They are there. This is good for tennis," said Cilic's coach, 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic. "This is a new, fresh breath of air for tennis, and tennis needed this."

After his loss in New York to Cilic, Federer was asked about whether the fact that there would be a U.S. Open final without him, Djokovic or Nadal meant something.

"You create your stories. You said the same in Australia, everybody; and then we know what happened at the French Open final, Wimbledon final," Federer said. "But this is another chance for you guys, you know. So you should write what you want."

He's right, of course. The title match at Roland Garros was Nadal vs. Djokovic, and the title match at the All England Club was Djokovic vs. Federer.

Which is why Cilic, who turns 26 this month, is certainly not ready to write them off just yet. Nor should he be.

"I mean, the guys are going to still be there," Cilic said, looking ahead to next season.

"I don't know if some new guys are going to be Grand Slam champions," he said, "but for sure, I mean, guys like me, Raonic, Dimitrov, Nishikori, del Potro — when also he comes back (from wrist surgery) — I feel we are having a much bigger opportunity." □

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U.S. beats Slovenia 119-76 to reach semis at worlds

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—James Harden and Stephen Curry went into halftime with no points and no panic.

"We just stick to the program. We know it's tough for any team to run with us for 40 minutes because of how deep we are and how hard we work on the floor," Curry said.

"I think we understand we didn't make many shots in the first half but our defense was pretty solid and if we kept the pressure on them, things would open up." They did. Quickly.

Klay Thompson scored 20 points and Harden had 12 of his 14 in the third quarter, helping the U.S. turn a close game into a 119-76 rout of Slovenia on Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the World Cup. Kenneth Faried added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Americans, who will play Lithuania on Thursday in Barcelona for a spot in Sunday's gold-medal game in Madrid. Lithuania beat Turkey 73-61 earlier Tuesday.

The U.S. led 49-42 at halftime despite shooting just 36 percent, with Harden and Curry, two of the NBA's top seven scorers, combining to miss all 12 shots.

"I said, 'I don't think that'll happen in the second half' and it didn't," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

Derrick Rose finished with 12 points after coming into the game shooting 8 for 37 in the World Cup. Anthony Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Goran Dragic of the Phoenix Suns led Slovenia with 13 points.

"We prepare but it's easy to prepare on the paper," Slovenia coach Zdovic Jure said. "Definitely they were so athletic, they were more aggressive second half and actually they punish every mistake."

The Americans led by only five points early in the third quarter before tearing off a 27-10 run. That made it 76-54 with about

two minutes left in the period, and the game turned altogether lopsided after the Americans scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter to lead 96-64.

"I thought we played really hard the whole game and we just couldn't finish in the first half some of those plays," Krzyzewski said, "and then they stayed with it and then the floodgates opened in the second half."

So the scoreboard ended up looking much like the Americans' 101-71 exhibition rout the week the tournament opened, when they had huge advantages in points in the paint and at the free-throw line.

But it didn't look that way for a while for a U.S. team that had been mostly unchallenged in the tournament while beating opponents by 31.5 points a game.

"We try hard but around 23 minutes it was like, close, the game," Jure said. "But the power that they have, you know, it was too much for us."

The Americans shot poorly at the start, but that just gave them more opportunities to pad their rebound totals. They missed 21 shots in the first quarter but grabbed 14 offensive boards and scored 15 second-chance points, though their lead was only 29-22 after one.

The U.S. lead grew to 12 in the second quarter, but the Americans managed only a 3-pointer by Rudy Gay over the final 2 1/2 minutes, and Zoran Dragic's 3-pointer with 36 seconds remaining cut it to 49-42 at the break. "They kind of slowed us down in that first half, dictated the tempo and Coach talked to us second half about playing our brand of basketball and how we like to play," Harden said. "And we came out with that intensity." Harden was 0 for 8 in the half while Curry missed all four of his shots while being limited to eight minutes of playing time because of foul trouble.

That gave Rose extra time to get



Mason Plumlee of the U.S., right, vies for the ball with Slovenia's Jaka Klobucar during the Basketball World Cup quarterfinal between Slovenia and United States at the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.

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his shot going after struggling badly in the tournament, his first action after missing most of the last two seasons following a pair of knee operations.

"Coach K gave me the green light to be aggressive and play my type of game," Rose said. "That eased me into the game and I tried to keep it going."

The tenseness of the first half and

the feistiness of the Slovenians seemed to fire up the Americans, who celebrated so wildly after a couple of their dunks that Krzyzewski had to back them up off the floor back toward the bench. The U.S. finished at 50 percent after making 29 of 45 shots in the second half (64 percent). The Americans outrebounded the Slovenians 53-38. □

NFL

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And maybe someday, for a fee of course, fans will get to vote on what the next play call should be. Crazy? Well, who'd have ever thought you'd pay big bucks to go to a game, simply so you could watch a bunch of other games? The NFL has spearheaded a league-wide project to improve stadium connectivity, knowing full well that the in-stadium experience had become limited because it allowed the fan to see only one game. In a fantasy-football world, one game at a time no longer suffices.

"I think this next generation of football fans comes out of a time where they've multi-tasked their whole life," Steinberg said. "They text, tweet, Instagram. They've got big bursts of color and sound coming over them and they have the delusion they can control every second of sensory stimulation with their



In this May 20, 2014, file photo, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell speaks at a press conference at the NFL's spring meeting in Atlanta. Goodell is thinking big. Saying he wants to grow the NFL into a \$25 billion business by 2027.

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thumb."

LOS ANGELES: So, if the Dallas Cowboys are worth \$3 billion and the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers just sold for \$2 billion, what would happen if the NFL finally gets around to bringing a team back to America's second-biggest city? "It's a gold mine that's been untapped," Steinberg said. And it might finally be time for the NFL to cash in. Since the Rams and Raiders both left 20 years ago,

the league has essentially used Los Angeles as leverage for every NFL city that balks at building an upgraded stadium for its current team. The biggest payoff, however, might come from a new team playing in a league-financed stadium. (That might have those in-seat TV monitors.) The expansion fee would essentially be pick-a-number, and that money would be distributed among the teams.

Naming rights? If the league owned the stadium, its cash register would ring.

Yes, the slices of TV money would be further diluted with another team, but Steinberg believes, at worst, the value of the subsequent contract would increase with the LA market — population 18 million — in play. "If you have a well-run, well-marketed team in Los Angeles, the sky's the limit," Steinberg said.

EUROPE: Andrew Zimbalist, a sports economist at Smith College, thinks international expansion is the NFL's biggest money making opportunity. "You see the NFL reaching out its tentacles a little farther every year," he said. The league played its first regular-season game in London in 2007, and will hold three there this season. The natural progression would be to place a full-time team there and build a real fan base; there's a lot of talk that it will happen by the end of the decade.

"You get into Britain, then

you have TV rights for England, and if you're expanding into the European Union, you've got another 300 million people to sell television rights to," Zimbalist said.

Though the NFL proclaims to disdain gambling, this tidbit out of Britain might have turned some heads: Bookmaker William Hill is predicting it will take around \$33 million in wagers on the NFL this season, nearly doubling the handle from 2012.

NEW MEDIA: Verizon paid \$1 billion over four seasons to stream games on mobile devices. Someday, the NFL might want to create its own network to handle this sort of business. Zimbalist doesn't think the exponential growth of wireless, phone and internet options for viewing games will last forever, and he also warns that it could cannibalize the TV audience, which could make the broadcasters wary. "Nothing the NFL does follows rational profit-and-loss economics," Steinberg says. □

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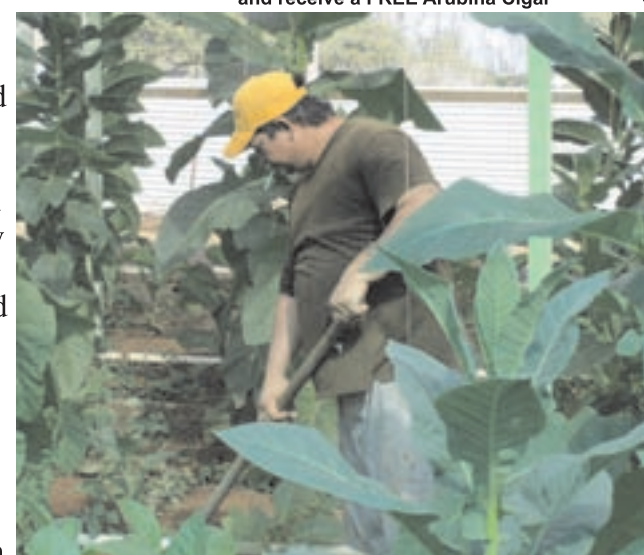
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AL Capsules

Tigers beat Royals to close gap to 1 game

DETROIT (AP) — DETROIT (AP) — Torii Hunter had two of his three hits in a six-run third inning and the Detroit Tigers beat Kansas City 9-5 on Monday to move within a game of the AL Central-leading Royals.

Nick Castellanos had two hits and two RBIs for the Tigers. Victor Martinez had three hits, and Hunter scored twice and drove in a run.

Detroit's Justin Verlander (13-12) allowed four runs and six hits in seven innings. Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie (10-11) allowed eight runs, six earned, and 10 hits in 2 2-3 innings. Guthrie has given up 14 earned runs in his last 6 2-3 innings against Detroit.

Lorenzo Cain hit an inside-the-park home run for Kansas City in the seventh inning. Eric Hosmer had three hits and drove in a run.

ANGELS 12, INDIANS 3
CLEVELAND (AP) — Jered Weaver became the AL's first 16-game winner, and the Angels did all their damage against Danny Salazar in one inning for their fifth



Detroit Tigers Miguel Cabrera hits an RBI single in the eighth inning to score Torii Hunter for a 9-5 lead over the Kansas City Royals in Detroit on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.

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straight win.

Albert Pujols hit a three-run shot in the ninth for the Angels, who hit four homers and are a major league-best 88-55. Weaver (16-8) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings.

Kole Calhoun hit a two-run homer and David Freese had a three-run drive in the fifth off Salazar (6-7), who shut out Detroit last week and had not given up a run in 21 consecutive innings. The AL West-leading Angels

diverted to Cleveland on their only scheduled day off during a long trip to play a game that was rained out on June 18. Lonnie Chisenhall hit a two-run homer and had an RBI single as the Indians, who

swept the White Sox over the weekend, had their winning streak stopped at four.

WHITE SOX 5, ATHLETICS 4, 12 INNINGS

CHICAGO (AP) — Tyler Flowers hit a tying solo homer in the ninth inning, and then another drive in the 12th to give the White Sox the win. Flowers' game-ending homer came against Jesse Chavez (8-8). The White Sox were a strike away from a loss when Flowers connected against Eric O'Flaherty in the ninth. Oakland closer Sean Doolittle was unavailable because of an intercostal strain.

Javy Guerra (2-3) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory.

Oakland lost for the ninth time in 11 games but remained atop the AL wild-card race.

ORIOLES 4, RED SOX 0

BOSTON (AP) — Nelson Cruz had a pair of hits and Miguel Gonzalez pitched into the seventh inning, helping Baltimore open a double-digit lead in the AL East.

NL Capsules

Nationals beat Braves 2-1 behind Fister

NATIONALS 2, BRAVES 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doug Fister pitched seven shut-out innings, leading Washington to the victory in the opener of a three-game series between the top teams in the NL East.

Ian Desmond and Anthony Rendon each drove in a run for the Nationals, who increased their division lead over Atlanta to eight games.

The Braves trail the Pirates by 1 1/2 games for the second NL wild card.

Fister (13-6), who had lost three straight starts, allowed two singles and three walks. Drew Storen struck out the side in the ninth for his second save in

two days.

Mike Minor (6-10) allowed two runs and seven hits in six-plus innings for the Braves.

PIRATES 6, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Starling Marte hit a two-run homer to lead Pittsburgh to its fourth consecutive win.

Jeff Locke (7-4) struck out nine over seven strong innings to help the Pirates keep their grip on the second NL wild card.

They entered with a half-game lead on Milwaukee and Atlanta.

Locke and Kyle Kendrick (8-12) were in a pitcher's duel until Pittsburgh scored four runs in the eighth. The Pi-

rates are 65-50 since May 2. Mark Melancon tossed a scoreless ninth for his 27th save.

CARDINALS 5, REDS 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Matt Carpenter broke a scoreless tie with his two-run single for St. Louis in the seventh inning, and Matt Adams added a three-run homer.

St. Louis has won nine of 10, going from two games out to a season-high 4 1/2 games up in the division. The Cardinals are 10-3 against the Reds this season and 40-24 against the NL Central overall.

Shelby Miller (9-9) gave up three hits while pitching into the eighth in his first vic-



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Doug Fister throws during the first inning of a baseball game Atlanta Braves at Nationals Park, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, in Washington.

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tory in three starts against Cincinnati this season. Two relievers finished the three-hitter.

Carpenter's single off Manny Parra (0-3) left Cincinnati's bullpen 0-14 since the All-Star break, part of Cincinnati's 16-33 slide over that time. The Reds have dropped eight of their last 10 and fallen 10 games

under .500 for the first time since 2009.

METS 3, ROCKIES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Curtis Granderson hit a tying triple off LaTroy Hawkins in the ninth and scored two pitches later on Wilmer Flores' sacrifice fly, sending the Mets to the win.

Colorado had won four in a row.

Throat's Door

By: **Dr. Carlos Viana**

The word thyroid comes from the Greek "thura" which means "door," which is what the thyroid looks like. Your thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland and is situated in the front of the neck. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine- rich hormones thyroxin and tri-iodothyronine which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Thyroid glands that are not functioning optimally produce a myriad of symptoms. Many people experience unexplained cold hands and feet, low body temperature, sensitivity to cold, a feeling of always being chilled, headaches, insomnia, dry skin and hair, puffy eyes, hair loss, brittle nails, joint aches, constipation, mental dullness, fatigue, frequent infections, PMS symptoms, hoarse voice, ringing in the ears, dizziness, depression, fluid retention, anxiety and panic attacks, allergies, asthma, acne, skin hives, loss of libido, and weight gain, which is sometimes uncontrollable. In fact, an insufficiently nourished thyroid might be a major cause of weight problems, especially among women, in the West today. Research indicates that up to 10 percent of Westerners have a thyroid problem that has most likely gone unrecognized. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms above your doctor could send you to check your thyroid function through a blood test.

Unfortunately, the test results may not be accurate. This is because test "averages" do not show how all of us are unique. Your individual thyroid hormone levels are not like anyone else's.

Thyroid tests will not give you an accurate indication of your ideal thyroid hormone level, because they are missing a critical piece of information which is your peak thyroid level when you were young and healthy. Should your thyroid test results indicate that you are in the "normal" range... say 5.5...but when you were younger you would have tested at a 9, then indeed, your thyroid is quite under active for you. At 5.5 you may feel very tired yet your doctor will tell you that your test results are "normal." You can only truly compare you with you, and not a range of others. It would be ideal if we were tested when we were in our late teens and twenties and our peak levels were recorded at the topmost physical time in our life. Then, as we age, we could test ourselves again to ensure that our hormone levels remain at this peak level.

The second reason that the tests are often inaccurate is because they only show what your thyroid hormone levels are on the day of testing. Your thyroid is a "tricky" organ to both diagnose and treat since its hormone levels fluctuate all the time. What you eat each day has a tremendous and im-

mediate impact on it, and how much hormone it secretes.

A third reason for their inaccuracy is that the tests do not indicate if your thyroid hormone is actually entering your cells. Your thyroid may be manufacturing plenty of hormone but your cells can become resistant to the hormone and not able to utilize it. This condition is called Wilson's Syndrome. If you have low body temperature and some of the symptoms listed above you could have this condition.

In our clinic we see a lot of hypo or low functioning thyroids. The first solution is to put our patients on their metabolic or blood type food list. Because of today's diet, people will likely never experience outstanding thyroid health, unless they are encouraged to change their eating habits.

Your thyroid can be nourished better with a diet that includes the good fats (olive oil, pumpkinseed oil, real, unsalted butter, cod liver oil, and egg yolks) and mineral-rich foods (dark green leafy vegetables, sea salt and ocean veggies). Supplements that help in building a strong thyroid are kelp and selenium.

Most thyroid patients are women and many with low progesterone are often misdiagnosed as thyroid deficiency. Thyroid and sex hormones each affect the other. We often attend

women with bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, and a swollen neck by naturally stimulating their progesterone production. Adding zinc to your daily supplement routine is important for sexual health.

regular periods, often leading to needless hysterectomies, are unfortunate common aspects of hypothyroidism; and breast disease. Too little thyroid production may cause increased prolactin levels and persistent estrogen stimulation.

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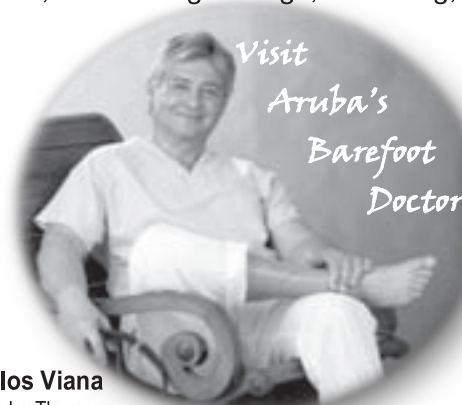
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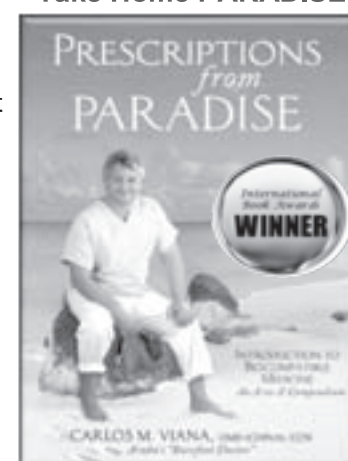
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Letting your car find a spot and park itself

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — With a thumb swipe on a smartphone, your car one day will be able to drive into a parking deck, find an open spot and back into a space — all by itself.

Technology being honed by French auto parts maker Valeo uses a dozen ultrasonic sound-wave sensors, 360-degree cameras and a laser scanner to safely park within a few centimeters of other vehicles. Then, when you're done with dinner or a business meeting, the car will return to you after another swipe of the thumb.

The potential benefits are plenty. More orderly parking means less congestion. Drivers are spared the time and frustration of the hunt for a spot. Parking lots can squeeze more vehicles into limited space.

The fully-automated system called "Connected Automated Valet Parking" is still about a decade away, however. More states must permit driverless cars and regulations have to be crafted. Equipment needs to be rolled out.

Still, Valeo executives see it as a big step toward the day in the distant future when cars actually drive themselves with no one behind the wheel.

Other companies have already demonstrated self-parking systems, but in most cases the driver has to find the spot and activate the system to make it work. The Valeo system, demonstrated Monday at an intelligent vehicle conference in Detroit using a Land Rover SUV, allows cars today to do tasks currently performed by human valets.

"The car is able to do a much better parking maneuver than we as humans," said Amine Taleb, Valeo's project manager for advanced driver assistance systems.

Here's how it works: Drivers approach their destination and the system finds a deck with an open space. The driver goes to the deck

and activates the system. The deck then tells the car where the open space is. The sensors, cameras and laser activate, letting the car drive itself about 3 miles per hour, winding its way to the space and backing in. The system can even find a space on its own without a signal from a deck.

The system won't let the car hit anything, Taleb says. And it can brake and even take action on its own to evade a hazard such as another moving car. A driver can even watch the car park through the cameras and software that simulates an aerial view.

Although the technology is already available, there are hurdles. Only nine states allow driverless cars on public roads, and then only for testing purposes, said Scott Belcher, CEO of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, the group holding the conference.

Also, parking decks will have to be equipped with systems to communicate with cars. Radio frequencies haven't been allocated yet by the federal government. The auto industry is vying with the cellphone industry for the bandwidth, for vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication, Belcher said.

Cyber security guidelines and government regulations have to be put in place. And legal liability has to be sorted out if the car somehow gets into a wreck.

What's likely within five years is an interim step: The driver finds the space and the car then parks itself. Taleb wouldn't say if an auto company is interested in buying the self-parking system.

The traffic benefits alone are tremendous. Omno Zoeter, a senior research scientist at Xerox, says some studies show as many as 30 percent of urban drivers are looking for parking at any given time. Eugene Tsyklevich, the CEO of Parkopedia, an app that monitors more than 30 million parking



In this undated photo supplied by Valeo, a person activates a self-parking vehicle via a smartphone application. Technology being honed by the French auto parts maker uses a dozen ultrasonic sound-wave sensors, 360-degree cameras and a laser scanner to allow a vehicle to safely park within a few centimeters of other vehicles. Associated Press

spaces in 45 countries to help drivers park, predicts a decade of transition as

cars and then parking garages adopt technology. "Driving around looking for

a space is not dead yet," said Tsyklevich. "But it will be." □

Google seeks help defining 'Right to be Forgotten'

ALAN CLENDENNING
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Google Chairman Eric Schmidt and a panel of experts held the first of seven public sessions Tuesday to help the company define how it should enforce a new "Right to be Forgotten" rule under which Europeans can seek the removal of embarrassing search results.

The company has received more than 120,000 requests to take down 457,000 links since a May court ruling enabled Europeans to ask for the removal of embarrassing personal information that pops up in a search of their names.

"We need to balance the right to information against the rights of privacy," Schmidt said before he and other panel members heard testimony from Spanish privacy and right-to-know experts.

While Google says some decisions to remove or deny the removal of search results are relatively easy, the meetings across Europe are being held to



Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt gestures while talking with David Carl Drummond, Google's Senior Vice President of Corporate Development and Chief Legal Officer, during a meeting about the "right to be forgotten" in Madrid, Sept. 9, 2014. Associated Press

help Google determine how to address European cases that fall into gray areas.

They include removal requests by former politicians criticized for their policies, criminals who don't want their convictions known, bad reviews for architects or teachers and comments people wrote about themselves that they now regret. Google said Tuesday it could not immediately provide information on how many requests for

takedowns have been approved and how many have been denied but said it would release the information soon.

European regulators expect to release guidelines next week on applying the EU court decision, said Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, president of the French privacy regulator CNIL.

Falque-Pierrotin said coherent guidelines are needed but privacy regulators declined an invitation to join Google's panels. □

Stocks fall for second day; Apple, Home Depot slip

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell for a second straight day Tuesday as investors were left unimpressed by Apple's latest batch of product announcements. Negative news out of Home Depot and McDonald's also weighed on the market.

The Dow lost 97.55 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,013.87, its biggest one-day drop in a month. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 13.10 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,988.44 and the Nasdaq composite lost 40 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,552.29.

Investors had little in the way of economic data to digest, so trading was largely dominated by the news out of Apple. The California-based tech titan announced an updated version of its iPhone, a smartwatch as well as payment system to compete with traditional debit and credit cards.

The iPhone 6 and its various iterations were well received by investors, as was the payment system, which would allow a shopper to purchase a product simply by holding his or her iPhone

close to a sensor. Apple had been up as much as 4 percent after the products were unveiled.

The smartwatch left some

uct category that investors had hoped it might be.

"I don't know if they're swimming up the right river with this watch," said Dan

At the end of the day, Apple fell 37 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$97.99.

Apple is often volatile on days it announces prod-

2 percent, respectively. Both companies are looking to claim a stake in smartwatch industry, with Garmin heavily invested in watches used by athletes to track their performance. Fossil recently announced a partnership with Intel to develop smartwatches. Investors saw Apple's payment system as a direct competitor to eBay's PayPal division, causing eBay to fall sharply in afternoon trading. EBay closed down \$1.50, or 3 percent, to \$52.73.

Other payment system companies, such as Alliance Data Systems, also took a beating. Google, who is been trying to get into the mobile payment market as well as competes directly with Apple in phones, fell \$8.71, or 2 percent, to \$581.01.

Unrelated to the Apple announcement, the news out of Home Depot didn't help the market either. Home Depot fell \$1.89, or 2 percent, to \$88.93 after the home improvement chain said hackers had broken into its in-store payment systems.

Home Depot's problem follows a massive data breach at Target nearly a year ago, raising concerns it is likely other major retailers could be targeted as well.

McDonald's, another Dow member, fell \$1.41, or 1.5 percent, to \$91.09 after the company announced that global sales fell nearly 4 percent in August. In the U.S., typically a steady market for the fast food giant, sales fell nearly 3 percent.

Investors also had their eyes on the currency market.

The dollar extended its rally, hitting 106.20 yen, the highest since September 2008. Compared with other major currencies hurt by bad economic news in their home countries, the dollar appears attractive. The Federal Reserve is expected to end part of its stimulus program by October and is considering rate hikes, signs of greater confidence in the U.S. economic recovery. □



Traders gather at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks fell for a second straight day Tuesday as investors were left unimpressed by Apple's latest batch of product announcements.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

investors scratching their heads, however, and the Apple rally quickly faded. The watch doesn't come out until next year, costs \$350, and would require an iPhone near it to work. It was hardly the new prod-

Morgan, a senior portfolio manager at Synovus Trust Company, who has been a long-time investor in Apple shares. "It looks like an add-on product, not something that has the potential to be a phenomenon."

ucts. Yet while the decline in Apple's own stock was modest, its product news had ripple effects in various parts of the market. GPS device maker Garmin and watch company Fossil fell 3.5 percent and

Rakuten of Japan to buy Ebates for \$1 Billion

MARK SCOTT

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The Japanese e-commerce giant Rakuten has its eye on America.

On Tuesday, the company agreed to buy Ebates, a U.S. online rebate site that allows people to earn cash back when buying goods at stores like Macy's and Home Depot. The price was \$1 billion.

The acquisition is the latest international move by Hiroshi Mikitani, the billionaire co-founder and chief executive of Rakuten, whose businesses also include the Rakuten online marketplace, a travel agency, credit cards and a Japanese baseball team called the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles.

The spate of deals, including the \$900 million acquisition of the Internet messaging application Viber this

year, comes as Rakuten tries to reduce its reliance on the company's home market.

The purchase of Ebates, which is based in San Francisco and which provides cash-back services for about 2,600 retailers and generated revenue of \$167 million last year, will give Rakuten a beachhead in the U.S. e-commerce market, where companies like Amazon and eBay are dominant.

Rakuten, based in Tokyo, said the deal would also help to expand the company's existing loyalty program in Japan, where people can earn credits online toward discounts on future purchases.

"The combination of Rakuten and Ebates is entirely unique and will revolutionize e-commerce," Mikitani said in a statement Tues-

day.

Analysts questioned whether the Japanese e-commerce company would be able to break into a U.S. market with entrenched competitors.

Founded in 1997, Rakuten has taken steps in recent years to expand its footprint outside Japan with a series of prominent investments and acquisitions, among them the purchase of a stake in the Canadian e-book maker Kobo in 2011 and an investment in the U.S. virtual scrapbook site Pinterest in 2012.

In July, Rakuten also joined forces with the Malaysian airline AirAsia to start a low-cost carrier in Japan. Rakuten said it was buying an 18 percent stake in the venture in an effort to expand its existing travel services.

Yet the company's most

significant acquisition to date was the \$900 million deal for Viber, which competes with other Internet messaging services like WhatsApp - which was acquired by Facebook for up to \$19 billion - and WeChat of China.

Many of the world's largest technology companies, including Alibaba of China, are investing billions of dollars to expand their Internet messaging capabilities, allowing users to send smartphone messages or make phone calls for a fraction of the cost of traditional services.

Viber says it has roughly 400 million users worldwide, a figure that has doubled over the past seven months. Rakuten has previously said it planned to use the service to connect people to its existing e-commerce services. □

Support in Coca-Cola vote depends on the numbers

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In the spring, in the face of increasing questions about Coca-Cola's proposed new compensation plan, the chairwoman of the company's compensation committee, Maria Elena Lagomasino, declared at Coke's annual meeting, "We are pleased that we are seeing broad-based investor support for this plan."

At the time, Lagomasino's declarative statement was meant to quell the criticism and suggest that the concerns about the compensation program - worth between about \$10 billion and \$24 billion to senior management - were not as widespread as the headlines suggested.

But a series of new disclosures of the exact votes by many of Coke's largest shareholders shows that "broad-based investor support" may have been a bit too generous a description.

As we all know by now, right after Lagomasino's comment, Warren E. Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, Coke's largest shareholder, acknowledged publicly that he had abstained from the vote, saying he was unwilling to support the plan yet uncomfortable voting against it, and criticizing the board directly.

Filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission over the last several weeks show Buffett was hardly alone. State Street, several major Capital Group funds and one of Fidelity's large funds all voted against the compensation plan. So did Deutsche Bank, Massachusetts Financial Services Co. and many major public pension funds, among them the Florida state Board of Administration, the state of Wisconsin Investment Board, Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, Canada Pension Plan and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

Taken together, it appears that at least three of the company's six largest shareholders, including companies that manage multiple funds, did not support the compensation plan. Some of the largest investors that voted in favor of the plan also had some of their funds vote against it.

Yet despite opposition to Coke's compensation plan in some corners, the plan was approved by shareholders by what looked at the time like an overwhelming majority. The company said it was approved by 83 percent of shareholders.

That math is misleading, though. Coke counts only shareholders who actually voted. The abstention of Buffett, who controls nearly 10 percent of the stock, was not included in the calculation. Nor were shareholders who did not submit a vote.

If Coke calculated the vote based on the entirety of its shareholder base, only about 49 percent of shareholders affirmatively voted in favor of the compensation proposal, a minority of the total shareholder base.

BlackRock, which had made a big splash earlier in the year saying that it intended to break from the recommendations of corporate governance advisers, voted in accordance with the recommendations of Institutional Shareholder Services, which supported the compensation plan. Several of Coke's largest investors split their votes. One Fidelity fund voted in favor of the compensation plan, for example, while another voted against it. Some people briefed on the voting strategies of some of those investors said the splits came because certain index funds had little discretion to vote differently from the recommendations of outside consultants like ISS, while the actively managed funds controlled by their parent organizations had more latitude to make up their own minds. □

McDonald's August sales hurt by China scandal

OAK BROOK, ILL. (AP) — McDonald's said Tuesday that a key global sales figure fell 3.7 percent in August, driven lower as the world's biggest hamburger chain's unit that includes the Asia-Pacific region dropped 14.5 percent due to a food-safety scandal in China.

That unit also includes the Middle East and Africa.

McDonald's stopped using the plant in Shanghai. The company plans to increase audits and video monitoring at its suppliers and send more employees to meat production facilities to ensure its food is prepared safely. It has also named a new food safety officer and created a hotline where employees can report poor

McDonald's anticipates the China scandal will hurt its third-quarter results by about 15 cents to 20 cents per share compared with its year-ago results. The Oak Brook, Illinois, company said that it will update its 2014 financial guidance when it reports its third-quarter results in October.

In the U.S., sales at established locations in operation at least 13 months declined 2.8 percent in August. The figure dipped 0.7 percent in Europe due to weakness in Russia.

McDonald's said that soft revenue is expected to pressure its U.S. margin performance in the third quarter.

Aside from dealing with the China food-safety scandal, McDonald's faces increasing competition and shifting eating habits. Part of the problem is that chains like Chipotle are gaining favor by touting more wholesome ingredients and the ability to customize food. McDonald's is trying to adapt on multiple fronts, including a "Build-Your-Own-Burger" test in Southern California and a new Bacon Clubhouse burger positioned as a premium offering at \$5 or \$6.

McDonald's shares fell 41 cents to \$92.09 in morning trading. Its shares have fallen 9 percent over the past three months. □



Boys open the door to a McDonald's restaurant in Beijing, China. McDonald's on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 said that a key global sales figure fell 3.7 percent in August, driven lower as the world's biggest hamburger chain's unit that includes the Asia-Pacific region dropped 14.5 percent due to a food-safety scandal in China. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

McDonald's Corp. said earlier this month that it will monitor its suppliers in China more closely after a food-safety scandal in the country hurt its sales and reputation. The announcement came after a TV report in July showed workers at McDonald's supplier Shanghai Hushi Food Co. — a division of OSI Group Inc. — repacking expired

food safety practices.

McDonald's is not the only fast-food company to be hurt by food-safety concerns in China. Yum Brands Inc., whose brands include KFC and Pizza Hut, has also stopped using meat from the Shanghai plant and said that its restaurants cut all ties with OSI in China, the U.S. and Australia.

Orderly transition at Chick-fil-A

Leon Stafford
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ATLANTA -- Monday's death of Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy is not expected to change the Atlanta fast-food giant much -- at least not immediately.

In what experts say has been a well-oiled, smooth transition, Cathy last year passed the reins of the family-owned company to his son Dan Cathy, who became the company's chairman and chief executive officer. The younger Cathy had already been running the day-to-day operations for much of the past decade as the chain's president.

That has allowed Chick-fil-A, which had revenue in 2013

of \$5 billion and surpassed KFC as the nation's No. 1 fast-food chicken chain, to pass to the next generation without any wrenching change. That's important to a brand that has prided itself on stability and staying true to its beliefs, such as keeping stores closed on Sundays. While Dan Cathy, 61, is expected to continue his father's legacy, he will make moves to cement his own footprint.

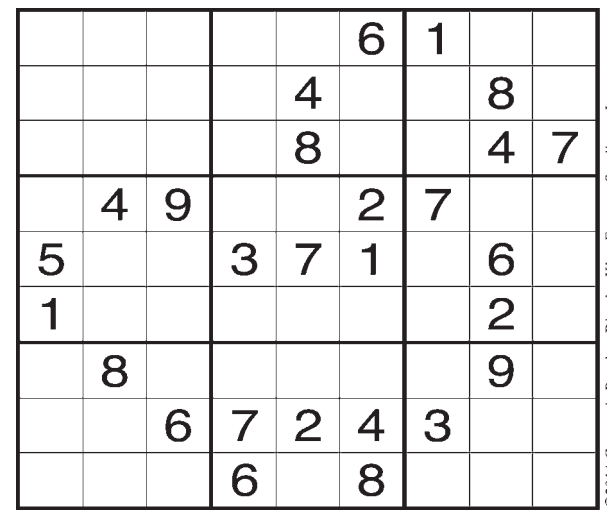
He faces challenges. Opening overseas stores -- there are none now -- will likely be on his plate. So will moving with more force into Northeastern cities like New York and Boston and keeping the chain up-to-date

with the changing tastes of consumers -- especially those concerned about what goes in their food.

Dan Cathy's comments in 2012 opposing gay marriage thrust the company into the culture wars and made it a symbol to some of divisiveness. That led some city leaders in Chicago and Boston to threaten to try to stop the company from opening stores in their cities.

Chicken also is outselling burgers in the quick-service industry, which will put increasing pricing pressure on the company as chains like McDonald's and Burger King look for sales by invading its territory with greater frequency. □

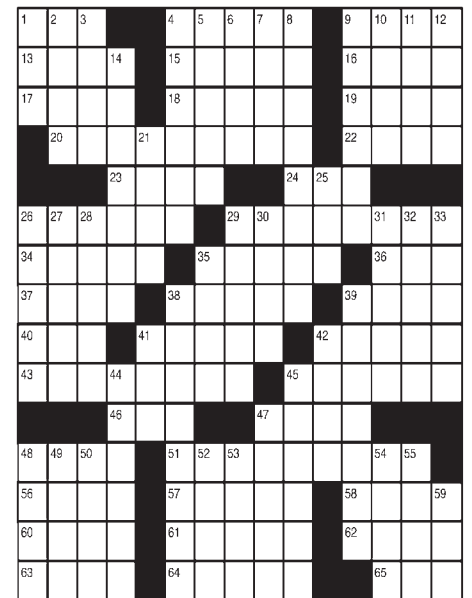
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PRICE CHECK,
ONE FLEA
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CREAM AND
DIARRHEA PILLS.

NOW THEN, SIR,
PAPER OR
PLASTIC?

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I'll get some snacks if you'll go save three seats, Sara.

THEATER 12

THREE? BUT...

... OH.

I bought you these.

SCOTT and BRENDAN

1 Short jump

Libya

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Aiman Abushahma, a prominent physician and activist from Misrata, said the militia takeover in Tripoli was "needed to liberate the capital from an occupying force," referring to militias that back the elected parliament.

However, in Benghazi, they also allied with al-Qaida-style Islamic extremist militias, including Ansar al-Shariah.

Those groups are now "cementing their control over the levers of state" in Benghazi, said a police official in the city. The militants took over the state registrar's office, so they have the complete database for members of the military and police, the official said. That has allowed the radicals to continue a wave of assassinations against security officials that has gone on for months, he said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to protect himself.

Libya has been in turmoil since longtime strongman Gadhafi was ousted and killed in the 2011 civil war. The military and police — always weak under Gadhafi — never recovered from the war and instead power fell to the numerous, heavily armed militias around the country, which were based on loyalty to a hometown or region or to particular commanders or to ideologies, including some made up of al-Qaida-style jihadists.

Politicians, meanwhile, struggled to create a functioning government. The last parliament, known as the General National Congress, was elected in 2012 and came to have a slim majority of Islamists, led by the Muslim Brotherhood. But splits between Islamists and their opponents paralyzed the government, and each side grew increasingly allied with militias, turning the political disputes into armed conflict. The current situation emerged after an anti-Islamist general, Khalifa Hifter, launched a campaign this year to outright crush the Islamists, their militia allies and militant groups, accusing them of causing the turmoil that has plagued the country since Gadhafi's fall. □

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UN says CO2 pollution levels at annual record high

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere reached a record high in 2013 as increasing levels of man-made pollution transform the planet, the U.N. weather agency said Tuesday.

The heat-trapping gas blamed for the largest share of global warming rose to global concentrations of 396 parts per million last year, the biggest year-to-year change in three decades, the World Meteorological Organization said in an annual report.

That's an increase of 2.9 ppm from the previous year and is 42 percent higher than before the Industrial Age, when levels were about 280 parts per million.

Based on the current rate, the world's carbon dioxide pollution level is expected to cross the 400 ppm threshold by 2016, said WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud. That is way beyond the 350 ppm that some scientists and environmental groups promote as a safe level and which was last seen in 1987.

CO2 emissions are growing mainly in China and other large developing countries as their economies expand. So far developed and developing countries have failed to reach a binding pact that would curb emissions globally. The goal of U.N. climate talks is to deliver such an agreement next year.

Concentrations of CO2 build up over time because it stays in the atmosphere for decades. So even if emissions stopped today it would take many



This Jan. 23, 2013, file photo, shows a poor air quality sign is posted over a highway, in Salt Lake City. Associated Press

years before concentrations dropped significantly. Top climate scientists are now becoming increasingly skeptical that countries across the globe will meet the voluntary goals they set at the 2009 Copenhagen climate summit of limiting global warming to about 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) above preindustrial levels. In a draft report last month the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said it is looking more likely that the world will shoot past that point and by mid-century temperatures will increase by about another 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) compared to temperatures from 1986 to 2005. And by the end of the century that scenario will bring temperatures about 6.7 degrees warmer (3.7 degrees Celsius), it said.

"We know without any doubt that our climate is

changing and our weather is becoming more extreme due to human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels," Jarraud said. "Time is not on our side, for sure." To address the challenge, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited heads of state and other leaders to a Sept. 23 climate change summit in New York on the sidelines

of the annual U.N. General Assembly. President Barack Obama has said he will attend to help spur new commitments from governments, industry and civil groups for reducing greenhouse gas emissions ahead of next year's global climate talks in Paris. The WMO report Tuesday said the rate of ocean acidification, which comes

from added carbon absorbed by oceans, "appears unprecedented at least over the last 300 million years."

Between 1990 and 2013, carbon dioxide and other gas emissions caused a 34 percent increase in the warming effect on the climate, the report said.

The warming effect, or "radiative forcing," measures the net difference between the sunlight that the Earth absorbs and the energy it radiates back into space. More absorption leads to higher temperatures.

After carbon dioxide, methane has the biggest effect on climate. Atmospheric concentrations of methane reached a new high of 1,824 parts per billion in 2013, up 153 percent from pre-industrial levels of about 700 parts per billion. About 40 percent of the methane comes from natural sources such as termites and wetlands, but the rest is due to cattle breeding, rice agriculture, fossil fuel burning, landfills and incineration, according to the agency. □

New plan avoids mud dumping in Barrier Reef Park



In this Nov. 2002 file photo provided by Queensland Tourism, an unidentified woman snorkels on the Great Barrier Reef off Australia's Queensland state.

Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — The government of Australia's Queensland state approved a plan Monday that will prevent 3 million cubic meters (106 million cubic feet) of seabed mud from being dumped in the

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

The state-owned North Queensland Bulk Ports Corp., or NQBP, already has federal approval to dump dredged sediment in the marine park in order to expand the Abbot Point coal port near the town of Bowen, a decision that environmentalists say will endanger one of the world's most fragile ecosystems. But Queensland Premier Campbell Newman announced Monday that his Cabinet ministers had approved a new disposal plan that would have the material reused on land.

"(It) will create a win-win situation. It will protect the unique values of the Great Barrier Reef and allow for the staged development of the important port of Abbot Point," Newman said in a statement.

The state government has asked federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt, who approved the Abbot Point expansion in 2013, to fast-track approval for the new plan.

The government hopes the new disposal plan will ensure the Abbot Point expansion can begin on schedule.

NQBP will carry out the dredging on behalf of proponents Adani and GVK Hancock. Adani wants the work to begin in June 2015. Last week, NQBP said it was looking at alternative disposal options due to a legal challenge by an environmental group against dumping the material at sea.

Queensland's port authority said proponents feared the court case could hold up the expansion of the port by up to two years. □



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With 2 new films, Pacino keeps experimenting

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

TORONTO (AP) — Introducing one of Al Pacino's two films at the Toronto Film Festival, artistic director Cameron Bailey remarked that perhaps an "Al Pacino Day" was in order, just as it had been for Bill Murray.

At 74, Pacino debuted his latest batch of work at the festival, both films that find him exploring the regrets, ambitions and ruts of old age. In David Gordon Green's "Manglehorn," he plays a lonely Texas locksmith, mourning a bygone romance despite the interest of a friendly bank teller (Holly Hunter). In the more meta "The Humbling," directed by Barry Levinson and adapted from the Philip Roth novel, Pacino plays an aging stage actor no longer interested in performing.

"Aging seems to have gotten a bit of a bad rap," Pacino said in an interview. "Like, what do you do now? Someone says how old are you, that's like saying how long do I have left. I can't answer that question."

Pacino has been particularly busy in recent years, showing the same curiosity for more elderly characters as he brought to more youthful or middle-aged roles throughout his career on screen and on stage.

"We grow in a lot of different ways, and if you listen to your cycles or feel it, that takes you," Pacino says. "A lot of times I haven't, but I'm starting to. These things I'm doing are expressions of that. I'm trying to be aware of that. I think I can enter that world. There are things I wouldn't do now that I would have done 20 years ago. I don't feel it. I'm not there."

"Manglehorn" doesn't have distribution but its earned Pacino rave reviews. The Guardian called it "the finest performance Pacino has delivered in years." Far from the sort of film most septuagenarians would contemplate, it evidences Pacino's abiding interest in experimentation. He's not cementing a legacy, but continuing to stretch.

The film was made quickly in between work on "The Hum-



Actor Al Pacino speaks during a press conference for "Manglehorn" at the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. Associated Press

bling" (due out Nov. 21) a project Pacino started himself by buying the rights to the novel.

"We had this window of time to do it in, and I knew if we let it past, David wouldn't do the movie," says Pacino. "Which I, first of all, love the idea of. Because he wrote it for me."

Green, the hard-to-pin-down director of "George Washington" and "Pineapple Express," began pondering a film with Pacino after an earlier unrelated meeting. He saw something in the actor that hadn't previously been captured in his movies, and asked his friend, Paul Logan, to pen a script for them. "There was a way he was listening when other people would be talking, and a true intensity in that, and absolutely tuned in," Green says. "Something about the sliver of smile, the furrow of the eyebrow."

Few actors are better known for their operatic bigness than Pacino. But in "Manglehorn," he's taciturn and hermetic, with hints of Asperger Syndrome. And he's heartbroken: "I got nothing but frustration and disappointment," he muses in one of his narrated letters to his lost love.

"Manglehorn" is a kind of surreal fairy tale that stitches together scenes of absurdity (there's a watermelon car crash inspired by Richard Scarry's children's books) to mysteriously build a beauti-

fully demented grace. Slowly and awkwardly, Pacino's Angelo Manglehorn opens

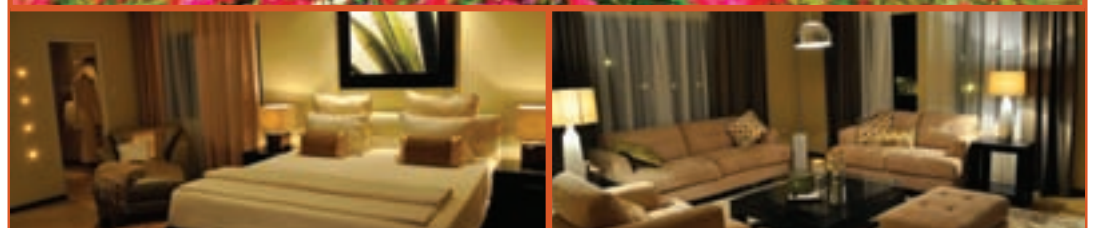
the locks to himself.

"You see a lot of great Al performance movies that

can really grab you by the throat and have the brava-do and take you to these grand emotional places," Green says. "I wanted this to be the intimate emotional place."

Quite unlike his character in "The Humbling," Pacino's passion for acting remains steadfast, as does his willingness to believe in a filmmaker. Did Pacino — legend of American cinema — hesitate at all when, for one of the film's many unexplained moments, Green sat him high up on a tree branch with a cat?

"I've long since given that up," says Pacino. "David is going to do what he does and he has his reasons to do it. That's what you have to trust, and I completely trust him. You don't question it. It's how he paints." □

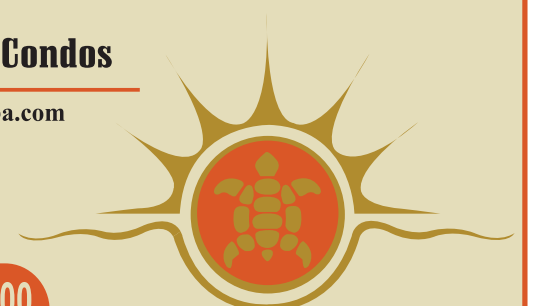


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'1954': A glimpse of baseball's dramatic changes

WILL LESTER

Associated Press

As the pennant races head into the fall stretch, it's worth remembering that 60 years ago the sport of baseball was changed permanently as African-American players began to establish their presence in the major leagues and would transform the sport.

The premise of Bill Madden's "1954" is spelled out clearly in the introduction: "1954 was the launching pad for a new era, when the dominant players in baseball were to be blacks and Hispanics." It was the year that the New York Giants' Willie Mays and the Cleveland Indians' Larry Doby faced off in the World Series — the first time both teams in the series featured players of color.

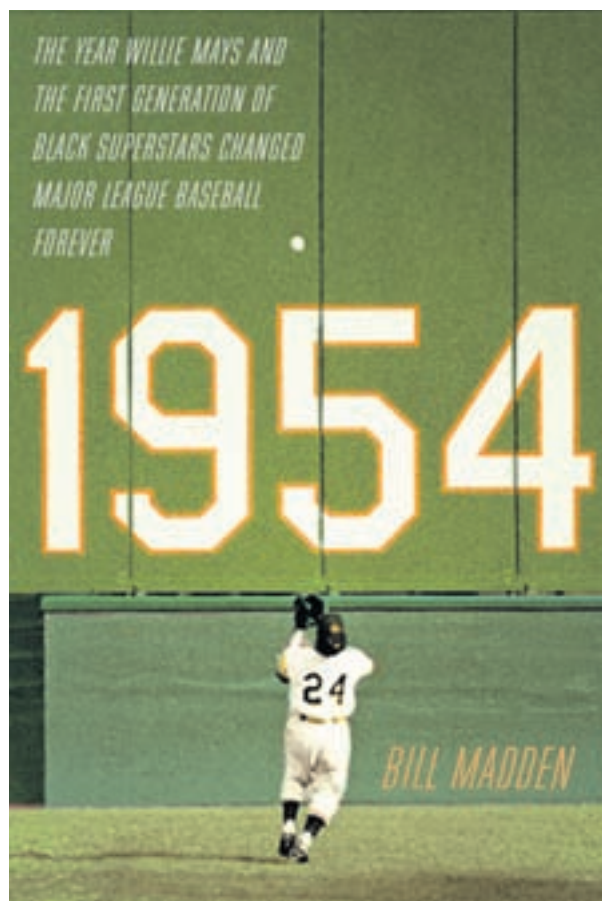
It was also the year Hank Aaron made his debut with the Milwaukee Braves in what turned into a record-breaking career. Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs was just coming on the scene at about that time and Roberto Clemente would make his debut with the Pittsburgh Pirates the following year. It was seven years after Jackie Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and broke baseball's color barrier.

As Madden notes, the rising profile for stand-out African-American players came at a time when the nation was feeling the effect of other dramatic changes — among the most notable was the Supreme Court's historic *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that said racial segregation of children in public schools was unconstitutional.

Even as racial attitudes were starting to change, baseball offered reminders they hadn't changed that much in 1954.

Madden notes that:

— For the first few years of the Baltimore Orioles' existence in the mid-1950s, visiting black play-



This book cover image released by Da Capo Press shows "1954: he Year Willie Mays and the First Generation of Black Superstars Changed Major League Baseball Forever," by Bill Madden.

Associated Press

ers had to stay at the all-black hotel in town or at the homes of friends of black porters they knew from the trains.

— Aaron's effortless loping style in the outfield caused his manager to refer to the Braves' rookie occasionally as "Stepin Fetchit" — referring to the stage name of the black actor of the 1920s and 1930s whose character was later

condemned as representative of the worst stereotype of blacks.

— The Indians' Doby was allowed to stay at a Tucson, Arizona, hotel with the rest of his team during spring training after the team's travel secretary persuaded the hotel manager to lift his restrictions on black players staying there.

— Mays' appearance on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* before the 1955 season, along with Leo Durocher and his wife, actress Laraine Day, added a touch of controversy. In the photo, Day appeared between Durocher, the Giants manager, and Mays, the 1954 National League Most Valuable Player, with her arms around both of them.

Madden's thorough account of the year is most interesting for the general interest reader when it follows the developments about the black players and the obstacles they overcame to become some of baseball's top stars. But it also provides thorough details on the season itself and the pennant races that dedicated baseball fans may find interesting.

Madden noted that baseball was in the forefront of sports in integrating with quality black players.

In 1954, Major League Baseball teams had 7 percent black players, a percentage that grew to 28 percent by 1986, when it began declining again. This happened as blacks became more welcome in Southern college basketball and football programs, he writes.

A series of black superstars, many in the National League like Mays, Aaron, Clemente, Banks, Willie McCovey and Orlando Cepeda, tilted the balance of power toward the National League over the next couple of decades.

As Aaron put it: "I guess we showed them pretty good what most of America was missing for the first 70 years of baseball." □

Filmmaker Ken Burns researches his distant relatives

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NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Burns details the connections between two distantly related American presidents in his new documentary series "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History," and in the process found his own personal ties.

Burns learned that he was a seventh cousin on his mother's side to President Theodore Roosevelt and an eighth cousin to both President Franklin Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor.

"After a while, we're all related to one another," said the documentary maker, whose 14-hour series unfolds over seven days on PBS, starting Sunday.

That's pretty much the case if you go back 3,000 years, said Michelle Ercanbrack, a family historian at Ancestry.com. In Burns' case, it's a



Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns walks through the entrance of the Georgia home used by former President Franklin D. Roosevelt during a tour by site manager Robin Glass, right, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, in Warm Springs, Ga. **Associated Press**

closer connection. It means one of Burns' 256 parental ancestors, from a grandparent to his 6th great-grandparent, is shared with Theodore Roosevelt. In the case of Franklin, it's one of 512.

He learned of the connection some three years ago

in the midst of researching the series on the Roosevelts, when the New England Historic Genealogical Association looked into his family history.

Burns, whose series on the Civil War probably remains his best-known work, also has connections to two

Abrahams: his third great grandfather Abraham Burns who fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War, and a fourth cousin, Abraham Lincoln. That means one of 32 grandparents is shared with Lincoln, according to Ancestry.com

"That really blew my mind and buckled my knees," he said.

It's meaningful to Burns because his work is all about making connections, in historical terms and with an audience, he said. The stories of the Roosevelts have received considerable attention, but he was surprised that nobody had tied them together in a comprehensive way.

"You assume because Teddy Roosevelt is a Republican and Franklin is a Democrat, that they are far apart, and they aren't," he said. "There's more that unites

them than divides them."

Burns said that one of his writers, Geoff Ward, told him that his grandfather cast his first presidential vote for Teddy Roosevelt, and all his life considered FDR a charming lightweight in comparison. Ward's father cast his first vote for Franklin Roosevelt, and regarded Teddy as shrill and obstinate.

"The film that we've made shows that both men are wrong, and I like that," he said.

Burns said he always regarded Lincoln as the greatest American president after George Washington. Although he thought FDR was the best president of the 20th century, Roosevelt rose in stature in Burns' eyes during his research to the point where the documentarian believes he stands with Lincoln. □

Passion for the Pill



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Republican candidates are falling madly in love with contraception.

Who knew?

"I believe the pill ought to be available over the counter, round the clock, without a prescription - cheaper and easier, for you," declares Colorado Senate candidate Cory Gardner in a new ad. He's running against the Democratic incumbent, Mark Udall, in a close race.

Meanwhile, in North Carolina, during a Senate debate this week, Republican Thom Tillis announced that he, too, strongly believed "over-the-counter oral contraception should be available without a prescription."

Tillis, a longtime politician, had never mentioned this big idea before. Until the debate, his most famous collision with women's reproductive rights came when, as speaker of the state House, he allowed the Republican majority to add a last-minute amendment to a bill on motorcycle safety reducing access to abortions.

So big surprise from Thom Tillis. The same thing, more or less, has happened in Senate races in Virginia and Minnesota. Republicans in close elections suddenly turn into cheerleaders for over-the-counter birth control pills. A negative and suspicious mind might almost suspect they were following a script.

During one recent U.S. House debate in Colorado, the Republican incumbent, Mike Coffman, said in an answer to a moderator's question that he was pro-life, then quickly added: "But I support a woman's access to . . . to, uh . . . Um, certainly to this Hobby Lobby decision, to get . . ."

Painful moments of groping, flailing. What the heck do you call that stuff? Finally, a merciful member of the audience shouted: "Birth control."

"Birth control!" cried Coffman with relief.

We're entering another election season in which women's issues loom large. (In North Carolina, one recent poll showed the gender gap between Tillis and his Democratic opponent, Sen. Kay Hagan, is 32 percent.) The Republicans are trying to avoid the disastrous tone-deafness that cropped up two years ago when a leading Senate candidate suggested that a gal could not get pregnant if she was raped. This season, Democrats have been eagerly looking for similar fodder. So far, there's been nothing quite that awful, although it's pretty clear there are folks who

still haven't gotten with the program. Male invitees to an event for Florida congressman Steve Southerland were told to "tell the misses not to wait up" because "the after-dinner whiskey and cigars will be smooth & the issues to discuss are many."

A spokesman for Southerland indignantly told BuzzFeed, which first obtained the invitation, that "rather than focusing on nonsense stories," reporters should be asking Southerland's opponent about Obamacare. Truly, there is nothing that cannot be dismissed by bringing up the Affordable Care Act. Total miracle that the ex-governor of Virginia chose to defend himself against corruption charges by claiming his wife was a terrible person when he could just as easily have argued that taking money from a dietary supplement salesman was not nearly as bad as Obamacare.

I digress. About the pill. There was a time when the Republican Party championed family planning and access to contraception. But that was, you know, before disco. Now it's a rare Republican candidate who can latch onto a major nomination without calling for an end to abortion rights and the defunding of Planned Parenthood. Many of them have also signed on to the personhood movement, which wants to provide legal rights to every fertilized egg in the country. This idea, with its potential impact on access to birth control, is so unpopular that it failed by a landslide in Mississippi.

All this can create problems for the women's vote in general elections. In Colorado, the Democrats have pointed out endlessly that Cory Gardner supported personhood amendments to the state constitution. After he seemed to be losing ground, Gardner said that when personhood came up in 2008 and 2010 he did not really understand the possible consequences. ("This was a bad idea driven by good intentions.") Now think about this for a minute. Imagine you're a politician in a state that's considering an amendment to the state constitution that is very controversial and all about women's reproduction. Pretend it's on the ballot the same time when you're running for Congress. Pretend you're very, very concerned with women's access to contraception.

At what point would you say to yourself: "Wow, I wonder if this could have any impact on birth control?" Choose from the following:

A) First time the subject came up.
B) Not actually until a week before the election because it was a tough year and I had home repair issues to deal with.

C) Some undetermined point between the day the amendment failed by 3-1 and, um, right this minute.

Yes! In Gardner's case the answer is C.

In every election, voters ask the candidates: "What have you done for me lately?" In this case, we might also want to know what they were doing last year.



Scots, What the Heck?



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Next week Scotland will hold a referendum on whether to leave the United Kingdom. And polling suggests that support for independence has surged over the past few months, largely because pro-independence campaigners have managed to reduce the "fear factor" - that is, concern about the economic risks of going it alone. At this point the outcome looks like a tossup. Well, I have a message for the Scots: Be afraid, be very afraid. The risks of going it alone are huge. You may think that Scotland can become another Canada, but it's all too likely that it would end up becoming Spain without the sunshine.

Comparing Scotland with Canada seems, at first, pretty reasonable. After all, Canada, like Scotland, is a relatively small economy that does most of its trade with a much larger neighbor. Also like Scotland, it is politically to the left of that giant neighbor. And what the Canadian example shows is that this can work. Canada is prosperous, economically stable (although I worry about high household debt and what looks like a major housing bubble) and has successfully pursued policies well to the left of those south of the border: single-payer health insurance, more generous aid to the poor, higher overall taxation. Does Canada pay any price for independence? Probably. Labor productivity is only about three-

quarters as high as it is in the United States, and some of the gap may reflect the small size of the Canadian market (yes, we have a free-trade agreement, but a lot of evidence shows that borders discourage trade all the same). Still, you can argue that Canada is doing OK.

But Canada has its own currency, which means that its government can't run out of money, that it can bail out its own banks if necessary, and more. An independent Scotland wouldn't. And that makes a huge difference. Could Scotland have its own currency? Maybe, although Scotland's economy is even more tightly integrated with that of the rest of Britain than Canada's is with the United States, so that trying to maintain a separate currency would be hard. It's a moot point, however: The Scottish independence movement has been very clear that it intends to keep the pound as the national currency. And the combination of political independence with a shared currency is a recipe for disaster. Which is where the cautionary tale of Spain comes in.

If Spain and the other countries that gave up their own currencies to adopt the euro were part of a true federal system, with shared institutions of government, the recent economic history of Spain would have looked a lot like that of Florida. Both economies experienced a huge housing boom between 2000 and 2007. Both saw that boom turn into a spectacular bust. Both suffered a sharp downturn as a result of that bust. In both places the slump meant a plunge in tax receipts and a surge in spending on unemployment benefits and other forms of aid.

Then, however, the paths diverged. In Florida's case, most of the fiscal burden of the slump fell not on the local government but on Washington, which continued

to pay for the state's Social Security and Medicare benefits, as well as for much of the increased aid to the unemployed. There were large losses on housing loans, and many Florida banks failed, but many of the losses fell on federal lending agencies, while bank depositors were protected by federal insurance. You get the picture. In effect, Florida received large-scale aid in its time of distress.

Spain, by contrast, bore all the costs of the housing bust on its own. The result was a fiscal crisis, made much worse by fears of a banking crisis that the Spanish government would be unable to manage, because it might literally run out of cash. Spanish borrowing costs soared, and the government was forced into brutal austerity measures. The result was a horrific depression - including youth unemployment above 50 percent - from which Spain has barely begun to recover.

And it wasn't just Spain, it was all of southern Europe and more. Even euro-area countries with sound finances, like Finland and the Netherlands, have suffered deep and prolonged slumps.

In short, everything that has happened in Europe since 2009 or so has demonstrated that sharing a currency without sharing a government is very dangerous. In economics jargon, fiscal and banking integration are essential elements of an optimum currency area. And an independent Scotland using Britain's pound would be in even worse shape than euro countries, which at least have some say in how the European Central Bank is run.

I find it mind-boggling that Scotland would consider going down this path after all that has happened in the last few years. If Scottish voters really believe that it's safe to become a country without a currency, they have been badly misled.

French Women Bid 'Adieu' to Topless Sunbathing

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AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — France's summer is fast becoming a memory, and so is one of its iconic beach sights: the topless woman.

As few as 2 percent of French women under 35 now say they want to bare their breasts, according to an Elle magazine poll this summer. It's a far cry from the once-ubiquitous scenes of semi-nudity on the French Riviera, epitomized by 1960s blond bombshell Brigitte Bardot. "It's seen as vulgar. People are more prudish these days," explains 60-year old Muriel Trazie, keeping her breasts out of the public eye while sunning herself on Paris Plages, the French capital's summer beach.

Sandra Riahi, 22, in a bikini, chimed in: "I've never done it. I'd be too embarrassed."

In the 1960s, it took a country like France to make feminism sexy — and women did it by going topless on the beach. Men don't have to wear bikini tops, so why should we? the feminists cried. The boundary-breaking became risqué trend-setting — when photos of

La Bardot posing topless in the Cote d'Azur were beamed around the world.

The frisson of fun only increased when toplessness was denounced by the Vatican and condemned by the Spanish church.

When France stood up to a conservative backlash and refused to ban topless bathing in the 1970s, wearing the "monokini" — the bikini bottom without the top — became a symbol of Gallic pride.

But times change, and so do bathing suits.

Some link the demise of "le topless" to a simple change in French fashion styles — with a recent trend for full swimsuits, and ones that accentuate the bottom. But sociologists claim that the trend should be taken more seriously, with some suggesting that French women have forgotten the achievements of feminism.

"French young women today are more conformist. They've already attained freedom ... So they've gotten lazy and taken it for granted," said Jean-Claude Kauffman, author of "Women's Bod-



A Parisian takes advantage of the Paris Plage event, an artificial beach set up on the right bank of the Seine river in Paris, with palm trees, outdoor showers and hammocks.

AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

ies, Men's Gaze. Sociology of Naked Breasts." Scholars point to the ag-

ing of the Generation X in France and a step back to traditional values

among the more conservative "Millennial Generation."

And where once authorities defended toplessness, there's now an official push to restrict it.

In Paris, an official sign shows a faceless bikini-clad beauty posing on a pedestal. "In parks and gardens, we don't forget to wear the TOP and the bottom," says the sign recently put up in Paris' Monceau Park, a popular sunbathing spot near the Arc de Triomphe.

Believe it or not, the decline of topless sunbathing has also been linked to the financial crisis.

"France has also been hard hit by austerity since the start of the financial crisis," said Kauffman. "If breast-baring is a sign of risk and revolution, covering up is a sign of safety. In uncertain times, you always dress more conservatively."

And it's not just on the beach that breasts are out of fashion.

Cleavage became an affair of state this year when Segolene Royal — environment minister and former partner of President Francois Hollande — denied multiple reports she ordered female staff to "dress appropriately" and avoid revealing tops. Elle magazine claims health concerns are the chief cause of toplessness' new unpopularity, with increased awareness of skin cancer. Skin around the nipples, it says, is extremely delicate and easily damaged. But like many things in our era, others just blame Twitter.

Nathan Assouline, a 22-year-old beach monitor at Paris Plages, said some sunbathers could be discouraged by the rise of phone cameras, and the fear their bodies could end up in a stranger's Facebook feed.

"I see lots of old men loitering around here," he said. "I have to stop them from taking photos on their phones. It happens all the time." □



Tourists take advantage of the Paris Plage event. France's summer is fast becoming a memory, and so is one of its iconic beach sights: the topless woman.

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